

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ACADEMIC APPROACH, LLC, FOR
ASSESSMENT SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with The Academic Approach, LLC to provide interim assessment services to the Department of Student Assessments at a total cost not to exceed \$250,000.00. Vendor was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-2 and approved by CPOR Number 11-0927-CPOR-1484. A written agreement for Vendor's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Vendor and no payment shall be made to Vendor prior to execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Contract Administrator : Walls, Miss Opal Lynette / 773-553-2280
CPOR Number : 11-0927-CPOR-1484

VENDOR:

- 1) Vendor # 62052
ACADEMIC APPROACH THE, LLC
342 WEST ARMITAGE
CHICAGO, IL 60614
Matthew Pietrafetta
773 348-8914

USER INFORMATION :

Project
Manager: 16050 - Office of Strategy, Research and Accountability

125 S. Clark Street

Chicago, IL 60603

Deuser, Mr. Michael K.

773 553-1278

TERM:

The term of this agreement shall commence on November 1, 2011 and shall end October 31, 2012. This agreement shall have no options to renew.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:

The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Vendor will provide interim assessments ("Assessments") aligned to College Readiness Standards ("CRS") in Math, Reading, English Language Arts, and Science three times per year for CPS 9th, 10th, and 11th graders, for a total of 36 assessments during the 2011-2012 school year. Assessments will be composed of multiple choice questions, each of which is aligned to a particular CRS, and Vendor will provide a test key for each Assessment indicating the correct response for each question, as well as the CRS to which each such question is aligned. Assessments will be delivered to CPS in paper and

electronic form. Thereafter, CPS will make the Assessments available for use by all CPS high schools, and will be administered chiefly via CIM, CPS' primary portal for assessment administration and results reporting. Customized results reports and/or consulting regarding the appropriate use of the Assessments and their results may be provided by Vendor, but if provided, will be offered at no additional cost to CPS.

DELIVERABLES:

Vendor will provide the following:
First Round of assessments (1X English, 1X Reading, 1X in Math, 1X in Science for 9th, 10th, 11th Grades - 12 total);
Second Round of assessments (1X English, 1X Reading, 1X in Math, 1X in Science for 9th, 10th, 11th Grades - 12 total);
Third round of assessments (1X English, 1X Reading, 1X in Math, 1X in Science for 9th, 10th, 11th, Grades - 12 total);
Custom assessment reporting; and
Consulting services regarding proper assessment administration and instructional application of assessment results and 8 hours of professional development.

OUTCOMES:

Vendor's services will result in improved academic achievement of participating students. Professional development shall provide teachers and administrators with insights and tools to evaluate and guide instruction over the course of the school year.

COMPENSATION:

Vendor shall be paid in accordance with the pricing set forth in the written agreement; total compensation not to exceed the sum of \$250,000.00

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:

None

AUTHORIZATION:

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize the Chief Instructional Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

The MBE/WBE goals for this agreement include 25% total MBE and 5% total WBE participation. However, the Office of Business Diversity recommends that a waiver of the goals required by the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, be granted due to the scope of services being not further divisible.

LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL:

Charge to Citywide Student Assessment: \$250,000.00 Fiscal Year 2012

11290-332-54125-230002-430125-2012 \$250,000.00

CFDA#: Not Applicable

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General - Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel

necessary to conduct those investigations.

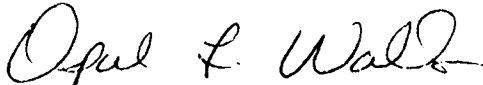
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.


Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:


OPAL L. WALLS
Chief Purchasing Officer

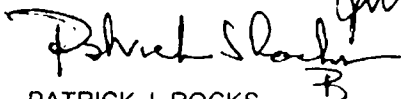
Approved:


JEAN-CLAUDE BRIZARD
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


MELANIE A. SHAKER
Interim Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:


PATRICK J. ROCKS
General Counsel