

DEPARTMENT OF MILLENNIUM BUSINESS MACHINES, SIDNEY BRADLEY, AB GRAPHICS ATHLETIC AND APPAREL, AB ATHLETIC WEAR, ALBERT BENNETT, AMERICOPY, WISE COPIER SERVICES, ARKEEMIA M. CHAMBERS, COPIER SERVICES CONNECTION, AND PAUL SIMMONS

THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") permanently debar MILLENNIUM BUSINESS MACHINES, SIDNEY BRADLEY, AB GRAPHICS ATHLETIC AND APPAREL, AB ATHLETIC WEAR, ALBERT BENNETT, AMERICOPY, WISE COPIER SERVICES, ARKEEMIA M. CHAMBERS, COPIER SERVICES CONNECTION, AND PAUL SIMMONS (hereinafter "Respondents") from doing any business with the Board.

On December 7, 2014, the Board's Chief Procurement Officer filed and served on Respondents a Notice of Proposed Debarment ("Notice"), initiating a debarment proceeding against them, based upon the Office of the Inspector General's report finding that Respondents engaged in stringing of the purchases of various school supplies across various vendor numbers, and engaged in fraudulent purchases and kickbacks, thereby violating Board Rule 7-11 and 7-12, sections 5/33E-2(i-5), 5/33E-18(a), and 5/33E-7 of the Illinois Criminal Code, and Sections 2(c), 2(e), 2(h), 2(i)(1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 18) and 2(k) of the Board's Debarment Policy.

Section 4.5(d) of the Debarment Policy provides that a failure to respond "to any allegation in the Notice shall be deemed an admission of that allegation," and that if "Respondent[s] fail to file a timely Answer to the Notice . . . all of the allegations . . . shall be deemed to be admitted." Respondents, Millennium Business Machines, Sidney Bradley, AB Graphics Athletic and Apparel, AB Athletic Wear, and Albert Bennett failed to respond to the allegations set forth in the Notice. Their failure to respond is deemed to be an admission of the findings against them. Respondents Americopy, Wise Copier Services, Arkeemia M. Chambers, Copier Services Connection, and Paul Simmons submitted their answer to the Notice.

Based on the facts set forth in the Notice and supporting documentation, and based on a review of Respondents' Answers, the Chief Administrative Officer recommends that the Board adopt the findings of the Inspector General and permanently debar Respondents from doing any business with the Board, effective immediately.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Affirmative Action review is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: None.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: None.

APPROVED:



TIM CAWLEY
Chief Administrative Officer

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:



JAMES L. BEBLEY
General Counsel

