

November 18, 2015

**AUTHORIZE THE FIRST AND FINAL RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH BLACKBOARD CONNECT, INC. FOR HOSTED COMMUNICATION SERVICES, TRAINING AND SUPPORT**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Authorize the first and final renewal agreement with Blackboard Connect, Inc. ("Blackboard Connect") to provide outsourced communications services, training and support for Chicago Public Schools ("CPS") at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Compensation Section of this report. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to BlackBoard Connect during the option period prior to execution of the written document. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

Specification Number : 12-250027

Contract Administrator : Pincombe, Ms. Charley C / 773-553-2280

**VENDOR:**

- 1) Vendor # 85840  
BLACKBOARD CONNECT, INC  
15301 VENTURA BLVD., BUILDING B STE  
300  
SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91403  
Mitch Shively  
818 808-1700

Ownership: Blackboard Holdings Inc. - 100%

**USER INFORMATION :**

Project  
Manager: 12510 - Information & Technology Services  
  
42 West Madison Street  
  
Chicago, IL 60602  
  
Zalewski, Miss Kathryn Lucille  
  
773-553-1300

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:**

The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 12-1114-PR4) in the amount of \$1,494,450.00 is for a term commencing December 28, 2012 and ending December 27, 2015 with the Board having two (2) options to renew for one (1) year terms each. The original agreement was awarded on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-2.

**OPTION PERIOD:**

The term of this agreement is being renewed for eighteen (18) months commencing December 28, 2015 and ending June 30, 2017 in order to align to the fiscal year.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:**

There are no option periods remaining.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

Blackboard Connect will continue to host and support a comprehensive, highly available, web-based communications solution that will provide communications services to deliver messages via varied media including, but not limited to, voice, email, text or TTY/TDD for notifications such as daily attendance, emergencies, school-specific messages or programs, department-specific or District-wide notices to parents, students and employees. The solution will be integrated with the Board's Student Information System and will be able to integrate with other information sources. Training of Board personnel and ongoing technical/end user support is included with the solution.

**DELIVERABLES:**

Blackboard Connect will continue to provide the Board with a comprehensive, 24x7x365 communications tool including training and technical/end user support that will enhance communications services for the Board through fiscal year 2017.

**OUTCOMES:**

BlackBoard Connect's services will result in the Board having a state-of-the-art yet economical communications tool that enhances communications capabilities through fiscal year 2017.

**COMPENSATION:**

Vendor shall be paid during this option period as follows: Upon monthly invoicing as specified in the agreement

Estimated annual costs for this option period are set forth below:

\$250,000.00, FY 16

\$500,000.00, FY 17

**AUTHORIZATION:**

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

The MBE/WBE participation goals for the contract include: 25% total MBE and 5% total WBE. However, the Office of Business Diversity recommends granting a partial waiver of the goals required by the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, because the scope of the contract is not further divisible. The vendor has agreed to work with Career to Technical Education (CTE) in identifying student interns for the life of the contract.

The awarded vendor has scheduled the following participation:

**Total WBE - 5%**

Accurate Die Cutting, Inc.  
120 Joey Drive  
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007  
Attn: Laura K. Wolff

**LSC REVIEW:**

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:**

Fund.115 Office of Information & Technology Services Unit 12500 Program 254501

\$250,000.00, FY 16

\$500,000.00, FY 17

Not to exceed \$750,000.00 for the eighteen (18) month term.

Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval

**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:



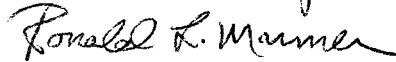
**SÉBASTIEN de LONGEAUX**  
Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:



**FORREST CLAYPOOL**  
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:



**RONALD L. MARMER**  
General Counsel