

April 26, 2017

**AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWEST EVALUATION  
ASSOCIATION FOR ADAPTIVE GROWTH ASSESSMENT**

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

Authorize the extension of the agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) to provide adaptive growth assessment at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Compensation Section of this report. A written extension document is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Vendor during this extension period prior to execution of their 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 extension is stated below.

The extension of this agreement was presented to the Single/Sole Source Committee on March 7, 2017 and approved by the Chief Procurement Officer. Upon approval as a Single Source, the item was published on the Procurement website on March 7, 2017, found here: <http://csc.cps.k12.il.us/purchasing/>. The item will remain on the Procurement website until the April 26, 2017 Board Meeting. This process complies with the independent consultant's recommendations for single source procurements and the Board's Single/Sole Source Committee Charter.

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**VENDOR:**

- 1) Vendor # 43763  
NORTHWEST EVALUATION  
ASSOCIATION  
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Ownership: Not For Profit

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**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:**

The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 12-0222-PR3 as amended by 13-0123-PR1) in the amount of \$5,000,000 was for a term commencing March 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, with the Board having three (3) options to renew for periods of one (1) year each. The agreement was renewed (authorized by Board Report 13-0626-PR1) in the amount of \$4,000,000 for a term commencing July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014. The agreement was renewed for a second time (authorized by Board Report 14-0625-PR3) in the amount of \$3,500,000 for a term commencing on July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. The agreement was renewed for a third time (authorized by Board Report 15-0722-PR1) in the amount of \$3,100,000 for a term commencing on July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. The agreement was subsequently extended (authorized by Board Report 16-0525-PR4) in the amount of \$2,200,000 for a term commencing on July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017. The original agreement was awarded on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-2.

**EXTENSION PERIOD:**

The term of this agreement is being extended for one (1) year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

Vendor will continue to provide assessments, reporting tools, professional development, consulting services, and implementation support for a computer-based adaptive assessment that will provide data that can be used to improve instruction and measure student learning growth. Additional services provided may include, but are not necessarily limited to, technical support, project management, and problem resolution, training, technology support and guidance from content and measurement experts. This program serves students in kindergarten through grade 8.

**USE OF SOFTWARE:** The Board will use the software to administer multiple assessments each year in reading, mathematics, and science. Online student result reports will be immediately available upon the conclusion of testing. The system will provide web-based analytic and reporting tools that are easy to use and intuitive for users at all technical skill levels. Vendor will provide, and Board staff shall have access to, in-person and online professional development and training opportunities to learn the concepts and practices necessary to administer the assessment and apply its results to instruction.

**DELIVERABLES:**

Vendor will continue to install the system at all participating schools and train all Board-identified users in the administration and use of the assessments.

**OUTCOMES:**

The Board will have the ability to administer multiple assessments per year in reading, mathematics and science, and to accurately measure student learning growth on the basis of these administrations. Performance measures may include, but are not necessarily limited to: 1) percent of project milestones met, 2) percent of teachers administering the assessment, 3) utilization rate of reports, and 4) percent of users satisfied with the system.

**COMPENSATION:**

Vendor shall be paid during this extension period in accordance with the prices contained in the extension agreement. Estimated annual costs for this extension period are set forth below:  
\$2,200,000.00, FY18

**AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written extension document. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the extension document. Authorize Chief of Teaching & Learning to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this extension agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

NWEA is a non-profit organization and therefore the district's M/WBE goal requirements do not apply.

**LSC REVIEW:**

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:**

Fund 115, Student Assessment, Unit 10810

\$2,200,000.00 FY18

Not to exceed \$2,200,000.00 for the one (1) one year 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.

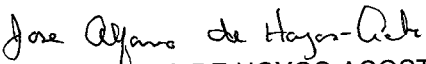
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

  
JOSE ALFONSO DE HOYOS-ACOSTA  
Chief Administrative Officer

Approved:

  
FORREST CLAYPOOL  
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 

  
RONALD L. MARMER  
General Counsel