

**AUTHORIZE THE FIRST RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH ECRA GROUP INCORPORATED FOR  
STUDENT GROWTH MEASURES**

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

Authorize the first renewal agreement with ECRA Group Incorporated to provide student growth measure services to all schools in the District at an estimated annual cost of \$230,000 for this option period. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to ECRA Group Inc during the option period prior to execution of the written document. 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 option is stated below.

Contract Administrator : Hayes, Ms. Deirdre N / 773-553-2280

**VENDOR:**

- 1) Vendor # 80157  
ECRA GROUP INCORPORATED  
1475 E. WOODFIELD RD 14TH FLR  
SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173

John Gatta  
847 318-0072

For Profit - Ownership: Louis A Gatta - 54%,  
John L Gatta - 46%

**USER INFORMATION :**

PM Contact:  
10816 - Chief Education Office  
42 West Madison Street  
Chicago, IL 60602  
Jackson, Miss Janice Keyon  
773-553-1216

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:**

The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 16-1207-PR2) in the amount of \$230,000 is for a term commencing January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017 with the Board having two (2) options to renew for one (1) year terms. 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 one (1) year commencing January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:**

There is one (1) option period for one (1) year remaining.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

Vendor will continue to provide student growth measures to compare students with similar characteristics to see how students grow relative to each other and to capture the impact of instruction on student outcomes.

**DELIVERABLES:**

In addition to student growth measures vendor will continue to provide consultation and professional development to CPS personnel to better understand the student growth models and to effectively use them in an accountability system.

**OUTCOMES:**

Vendor's services will provide a necessary component of CPS's teacher evaluation system. Student growth measures are based on complex statistical formulae that CPS does not have expertise and capacity to calculate internally. Vendor will continue to provide valuable data for use in better understanding patterns of academic growth among CPS students. Expanding investigations into PARCC student growth measure helps CPS better evaluate how students are processing against State-level standards. Student growth measures developed for CPS are completely customized to CPS's needs

**COMPENSATION:**

Vendor shall be paid during this option period as specified in their renewal agreement; estimated annual costs for the one (1) year term are set forth below and shall not exceed \$230,000

**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 Procurement Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

Pursuant to the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Projects, (M/WBE Program), due to the nature of this contract with proprietary software, this agreement is exempt from M/WBE review.

**LSC REVIEW:**

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:**

Fund 115, Office of School Quality Measurement, Unit 10811

\$90,000 FY18

\$140,000 FY19

Not to exceed \$230,000 for the one (1) 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.

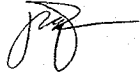
Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

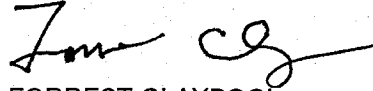
Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



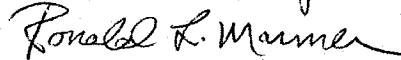
JONATHAN MAPLES  
Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:



FORREST CLAYPOOL  
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form *gmm*



RONALD L. MARMER  
General Counsel