

December 5, 2018

DEBARMENT OF JEWEL LOCKHART

THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") permanently debar Jewel Lockhart ("Respondent") from doing any business with the Board.

The Board's Chief Procurement Officer sent Respondent a Notice of Proposed Debarment and Interim Constraints ("Notice") on October 10, 2018. The Notice initiated debarment proceedings against Respondent based on her plea of guilty to two counts of filing false tax returns and her involvement in the conduct that caused the Board to debar Jewel's Bus Company on March 21, 2018 (Board Report 18-0321-AR1), including violating contractual provisions, false and/or exaggerated billing, misrepresentation of its financial stability, and failure to pay debts it owed. Following her indictment in *United States of America v. Jewel Lockhart*, No. 16 CR 578, United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois – Eastern Division, on June 18, 2018, Respondent entered a voluntary guilty plea to two counts of filing false tax returns, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1). On October 3, 2018, Respondent was sentenced to 366 days in prison. Pursuant section 2 of the Debarment Policy, adopted by Board Report 08-1217-PO1, the Board may debar a Respondent for a conviction for tax evasion and for conduct indicating a lack of truthfulness or honesty. Debarment Policy, § 2(a)(3), 2(a)(4); see also Debarment Policy § 1.4(h) ("Conviction" includes a judgment entered on a plea).

The Chief Administrative Officer ("CAO") has reviewed the record (as defined in section 4.5(i)(10) of the Debarment Policy) and recommends permanent debarment. Based on the facts set forth in that record, the CAO recommends that the Board adopt the findings as set forth in the Notice and permanently debar Respondent from doing any business with the Board effective immediately. Any existing contracts between the Board and Respondent are terminated. Respondent is ineligible to act as a subcontractor or supplier to any existing or future Board contracts.

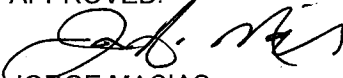
LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

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

FINANCIAL: None.

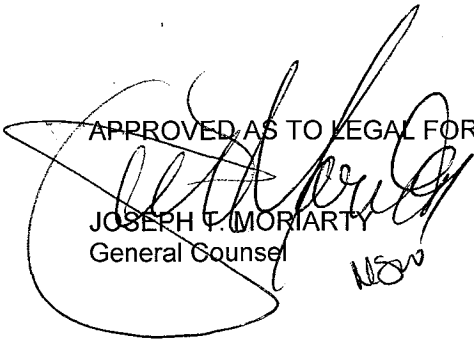
GENERAL CONDITIONS: None.

APPROVED:



JORGE MACIAS
Chief Administrative Officer

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:



JOSEPH T. MORIARTY
General Counsel

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