AUTHORIZE A NEW AGREEMENT WITH SIVIC SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC FOR MEDICAID CLAIMS PROCESSING AND ADVISORY SERVICES

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize a new agreement with Sivic Solutions Group, LLC to provide Medicaid claims processing and advisory services to Chicago Public Schools at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Compensation Section of this report. Vendor was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-2. A written agreement for Vendor's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Vendor and no payment shall be made to Vendor prior to the execution of their written agreement. 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 agreement is stated below.

Specification Number:

18-350019

Contract Administrator:

Washington, Ms. Nealean T / 773-553-2273

VENDOR:

1) Vendor # 11358 SIVIC SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC 30 LANIDEX PLAZA WEST PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054

> Siva Kakuturi 315 868-9777

Ownership: Solix, Inc (John J Miller, Manager) - 100%

USER INFORMATION:

Project

Manager:

11810 - Finance

42 West Madison Street

Chicago, IL 60602

Afflalo, Ms. Carmelita L.

773-553-1484

TERM:

The term of this agreement shall commence on January 1, 2019 and shall end December 31, 2019. This agreement shall have four (4) options to renew for periods of one (1) year each. Vendor has a current agreement with the Board renewed through July 31, 2019 for administration services related to government reimbursement programs. Vendor's current agreement with the Board shall terminate upon execution of this new agreement.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:

The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Vendor will:

Perform all services necessary to prepare, process and submit to the State Medicaid agency, and obtain reimbursement from the State Medicaid agency for all Fee-for-Service Claims for health Services provided by the Board to its students. The Board shall maintain and may enhance its systems for gathering required data to ensure compliance with Medicaid requirements including related Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regulations and other applicable requirements, laws and regulations.

Work with the Children and Family Benefits Unit (CFBU) within the CPS Office of Student Health and Wellness to identify students that are eligible for the SNAP, Medicaid, and CHIP programs.

Process quarterly State Medicaid/CHIP reimbursement claims for administrative expenditures for School-based outreach activities (AOC) as well as analyze and report on the status and progress of the claim submission. Vendor shall demonstrate methodologies to collect and process statistically valid time study results and quality review of the cost allocation plan to ensure all changes are reflected in the claim.

Process quarterly SNAP Outreach Plan reimbursement claims for administrative expenditures and non-administrative expenditures for SNAP outreach activities as well as analyze and report on the status and progress of the claim submission. Vendor shall demonstrate methodologies acceptable to the Board to collect and process statistically valid time study results and quality review of the cost allocation plan to ensure all changes are reflected in the claim.

Provide a revenue enhancement plan to develop and structure ideas for boosting new Board revenues for health and social services through Federal, State (including the State Poverty Count) and other grant monies.

Perform quality review of the Board's health and social services programs. Perform annual quality review of health and social service reimbursement programs. The review should address management structure, accountability and productivity, staffing and scheduling, collaboration with community-based health care organizations for cost-effective service delivery, etc. Make recommendations to improve service delivery compliance and increase efficiency and effectiveness of the way in which services are provided.

Vendor shall manage the implementation of the project as well as the operational services required to make the contract successful. The implementation includes, but is not limited to: Project management, risk/issue mitigation, and communications. Operational Services cover the ongoing tasks and services required from vendor relating to weekly/monthly reporting, quality assurance, performing necessary audits, and conducting/managing training.

DELIVERABLES:

Vendor will:

Conduct preliminary review of the upcoming quarter's Administrative School Based Health Services (Admin SBHS) claim with variance analysis of cost, student and time study factors against final claims for prior quarters, two weeks prior to each quarterly Admin SBHS submission.

Train prospective participants in the Board's quarterly "time-study" survey of Admin SBHS.

Furnish the Board with all existing and future research and development of resources, such as published materials, and industry studies conducted, that pertain to the Services and that in the Vendor's reasonable opinion might assist the Board in setting its school-based health and social services policies or requirements.

OUTCOMES:

Vendor's services will result in the identification of new opportunities that improve program performance in Medicaid reimbursement recovery and operational efficiency. They will assist CPS to work with and impact Illinois' Medicaid agency to take advantage of policy opportunities to improve reimbursement levels.

COMPENSATION:

Vendor shall be paid at estimated annual costs for the term as set forth below: \$300,000, FY19 \$300,000, FY20 Not to exceed \$600,000 for the one (1) year term.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:

None.

AUTHORIZATION:

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

Pursuant to the Remedial Program for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services contracts (M/WBE Program), the goals on this contract are 30% MBE and 7% WBE. The vendor has scheduled the following firm:

Total MBE: 37% Visionsoft International, Inc. 1842 Old Norcross Road, #100 Lawrenceville, GA 30044 Ownership: Arputharaj Antony

LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL:

Fund 115, Finance, Unit 11810 \$300,000, FY19 \$300,000, FY20 Not to exceed \$600,000 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:

JANICE K. JACKSON Chief Executive Officer

JOSEPH T. MORIARTY