

July 22, 2020

**AUTHORIZE CONTINUED RETENTION OF HILL LAW OFFICES**

**THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Continued retention of the law firm Hill Law Offices (Deborah Hill).

**DESCRIPTION:** The General Counsel has continued retention of the Hill Law Offices to negotiate and draft various telecommunications licenses between the Board (on behalf of individual schools) and various telecommunications carriers. These licenses provide much needed additional revenue for local schools that permit installation of antennae and other telecommunication equipment within school premises. Additional authorization for the firm's services is requested in the amount of \$135,000. As invoices are received they will be reviewed by the General Counsel and the Director of Real Estate and if satisfactory, processed for payment.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** The firm is a Women-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE).

**FINANCIAL:** Charge: \$135,000 to Department of Real Estate – Cell Tower Installation Program  
Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021...11910-124-54125-253201-000388  
Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriations and approval.

**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,

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