

**RATIFY RENEWING SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENTS
WITH BRIDGES.COM Co.**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify renewing software license agreements with Bridges.com Co. for Careerware software products used by the Office of Education-to-Careers at a cost not to exceed \$47,755.00. The renewal of these license agreements occurred without prior Board approval. The Office of E.T.C. has used Careerware's Choices CT and Career Futures software products for the last (3) years. The Vendor was selected on a non-competitive basis because Careerware products are proprietary software only available through Bridges.Com. Written license renewal agreements are currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event written documents are not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this renewal is stated below.

SPECIFICATION NO: 00-250730

VENDOR:

Bridges.Com Co.
808 Commerce Park Drive
Ogdenburg New York
800- 267-1544
Contact Person: Danielle Veilleux

USER:

Office of Education-to-Career
125 S Clark St. 12th Floor
Dr. Creg E. Williams
553-2460

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original license agreements were for 3-year terms commencing August 31,1997 and ending August 30, 2000.

RENEWAL PERIOD: The term of each license agreement is being renewed for a 13-month term commencing August 31, 2000 and ending September 29, 2001.

USE OF SOFTWARE: The Choices CT & Career Futures software products are used by schools to develop career path portfolios for their students, track their progress and assess strategies in pursuing various occupations. The Choices CT software is used in 87 schools at a cost of \$ 500/school. The Career Futures software is used in 37 schools at a cost of \$115/school.

OUTCOMES: The software allows every student enrolled in the Career Path Portfolio the ability to develop a career assessment, explore at least three occupations, and develop an individual career path.

LICENSE FEE: The annual license fee for the Choices CT software is \$43,500. The annual license fee for the Career Futures software is \$4,255. The total combined annual license fees will not exceed \$47,755 and with each license providing the extra (13th) month of service free of charge.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written renewal documents. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the renewal documents.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Vendor agrees to comply with and be bound by the provisions of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Enterprise Economic participation (M/WBE Plan)

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Charge to: Office of Education-to-Careers

Budget Classification: 0910-239-111-8923-5310- \$ 24,528

0910-239-871-8923-5310-P.O. # 208067 \$8,427

0910-239-727-2875-5310-P.O.# 208067 \$14,800

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 July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

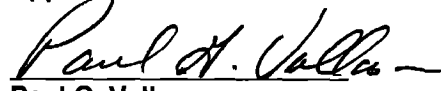
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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).

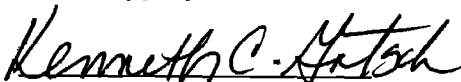
Approved for Consideration:


Natalye Paquin
Chief Purchasing Officer

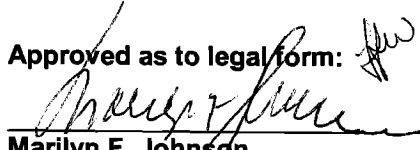
Approved:


Paul G. Vallas
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel