

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BARRETT GROUP, INC.
FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with The Barrett Group to provide consulting services to the Chief Executive's Office and the Office of Technology Services at a cost not to exceed \$80,400.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of Consultant's specialized knowledge of the E-Rate program, the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by the Consultant and no payment shall be made to Consultant prior to the execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within ninety (90) days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification No.: 01-250027

CONSULTANT: The Barrett Group, Inc.
PMB 500
Crystal Park Three, Suite 500
2231 Crystal Drive
Arlington, Virginia 22202
Contact: Andrew C. Barrett, Esq., Managing Director
Telephone No. (703) 553-2546
Vendor No. 30866

USERS: Office of Technology Services
125 South Clark, 3rd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Elaine L. Williams, Chief Technology Officer
Telephone No. (773) 553-1300

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is signed and shall end twelve (12) months thereafter.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board has the right to terminate this agreement within thirty (30) days written notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Consultant will provide legislative and regulatory consulting services to the Office of Technology Services regarding (i) the continuance and possible expansion of the E-Rate program, (ii) available technology funding, and (iii) legislative initiatives.

DELIVERABLES: The Consultant will provide reports outlining current legislative information concerning the discounts on telecommunications-related wiring, equipment and services available to urban schools and libraries. Consultant will also provide reports regarding technology funding initiatives and will track technology legislation.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services shall result in the Board having reports on the status of E-Rate funding, assistance with funding applications, updates on new rules, regulations, and interpretations of E-Rate guidelines, reports regarding E-Rate eligibility, technology funding initiatives, track technology legislation, and assistance with audits, if necessary.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: the hourly rate of \$300.00, not to exceed the sum of \$80,400.00.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the written agreement. Authorize the Chief Technology Officer to execute all ancillary documents required administering or effectuating this written agreement.

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

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Technology Services: \$80,400.00 Fiscal Year: 01
Budget Classification: 0220-210-000-1116-5410

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.

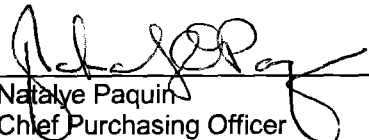
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their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

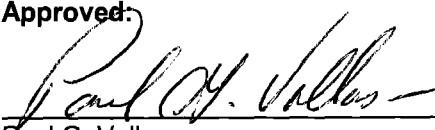
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



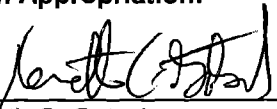
Natalye Paquin
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



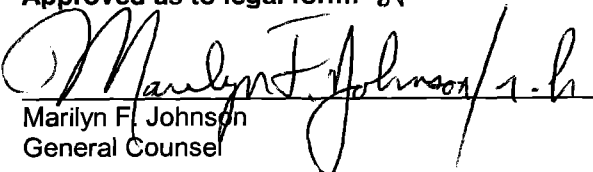
Paul G. Vallas
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form: *HW*



Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel