

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DARC CORPORATION
FOR DATABASE CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with DARC Corporation to provide database consulting services to the Department of Procurement and Contracts at a cost not to exceed \$130,000. Consultant was selected on a competitive basis because consultant was the most qualified of the seven (7) respondents to an expedited request for quote/proposal issued by Procurement and Contracts. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by 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 agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification No.: 01-250151

CONSULTANT: DARC Corporation
125 S. Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606
Contact: Tom Brennan
312-338-5000x108
Vendor #: 33664

USER: Department of Procurement and Contracts
125 S. Clark St., 10th Fl.
Contact person: Benjamin Ho, Director, Technology & Systems Mgmt.
773-553-2280

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is signed and shall end 18 months after the date on which the Department of Procurement and Contracts issues a notice to proceed to Consultant.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board has the right to terminate this agreement for any or no reason upon thirty (30) days written notice to Consultant.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Department maintains an M/WBE database to track M/WBE participation in contracts. Consultant will enhance the Department's M/WBE database to provide significantly enhanced reporting capability, track additional information, obtain purchase order and payment information directly from the Oracle Financial System, and allow for electronic submission of monitoring information. Consultant will also create a system for allowing vendors to apply for a vendor number electronically on a web site.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall:

- Convert M/WBE database to Oracle; link M/WBE information with Oracle payment data
- Prepare an electronic system for vendors to submit monthly M/WBE compliance information
- Prepare an electronic system for allowing vendors to apply for a vendor number on-line

OUTCOMES: Consultants services will result in the development of an enhance M/WBE Database which is capable of obtaining purchasing and payment information directly from the Oracle Financial System and which is capable of receiving electronic submission of monitoring information and allow vendors to apply for a vendor number on the Purchasing Department web site.

COMPENSATION: Consultant will be paid at the rate of \$100/hour, which rate includes all travel and out of pocket expenses. Consultant shall be paid when invoiced upon completion of each project milestone as detailed in the written agreement not to exceed the sum of \$130,000.

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 Purchasing Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The products and services to be delivered by the vendor are subject to the provisions of the Revised Remedial Plan for M/WBE Economic participation. Every good faith effort will be made by the vendor to achieve compliance with the applicable goals.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Department of Procurement and Contracts: \$130,000 Fiscal Year: 2001
Budget Classification: 0240-477-000-1004-5410: \$80,000
0240-210-000-1144-5410: \$50,000
Source of Funds: General Fund 210 & Capital Fund 477

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.

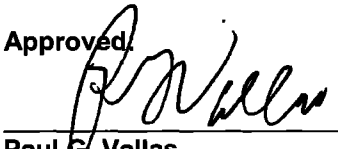
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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).

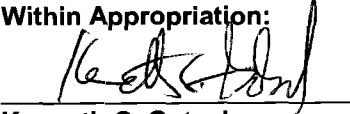
Approved for Consideration:


Natalye Paquin
Chief Purchasing Officer

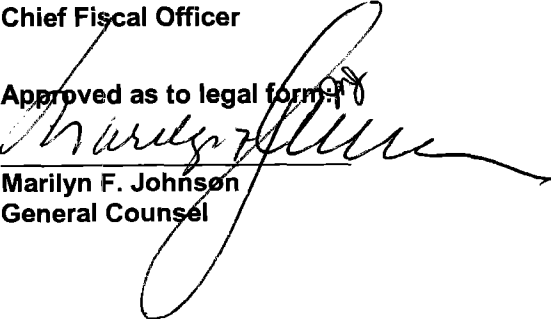
Approved:


Paul G. Vallas
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel