

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CATALYST CONSULTING  
GROUP, INC. FOR DESIGNING, CONFIGURING AND IMPLEMENTING A  
STUDENT INFORMATION REPORTING REPOSITORY**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve entering into an agreement with Catalyst Consulting Group, Inc. ("Catalyst") for the designing, configuring and implementing a student reporting repository for use by the Office of Technology Services, at a cost not to exceed \$350,580.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because Catalyst was the most qualified and cost competitive of the seven (7) respondents to the informal Request for Information. A written agreement with Catalyst Consulting Group, Inc. is currently being negotiated. No services may be received and no payment shall be made to Catalyst Consulting Group, Inc., 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 ninety (90) days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

**SPECIFICATION NO.:** 01-250115

**VENDOR:** Catalyst Consulting Group, Inc.  
211 West Wacker Drive, Suite 400  
Chicago, Illinois 60606  
Contact: Arvind Talwar  
Telephone No. 312-629-0750  
Vendor No. 29230

**USER:** Office of Technology Services  
125 South Clark, 3rd Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60603  
Contact: Elaine L. Williams, Chief Technology Officer  
Frank Spoto, Manager – Student Information Systems  
Telephone No. 773-553-1300

**TERM:** The term of the agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is signed and shall end six (6) months thereafter.

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

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Catalyst will provide services that include designing, developing and implementing a student information reporting repository. These services will provide end-users with a state-of-the-art analytic and reporting tools and a repository to integrate and transform the student information data to support the reporting requirements of central office, regional offices and schools.

**DELIVERABLES:** Catalyst will deliver the following:

- Project plan at the activity level
- Detailed data model, detailed entity relationship diagram, logical database design, and physical database design
- Code and documentation for the relational database using DB2 in the OS/390 environment
- Program and documentation for the database load and update programs
- Program and documentation for the database archive/purge programs

**OUTCOMES:** The Board will have state-of-the-art analytic and reporting tools and a repository to integrate and transform the student information data in support of the reporting requirements of Central Office, regional offices and schools.

**COMPENSATION:** Consultant shall be paid as follows: upon invoicing at the hourly rate of \$185.00 in an amount not to exceed \$350,580.00.

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

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

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to the Office of Technology Services \$350,580.00 Fiscal Year: 2001  
Sources of Funds: 0220-210-000-1114-5410

**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).

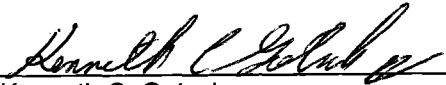
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
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Natalie Paquin  
Chief Purchasing Officer

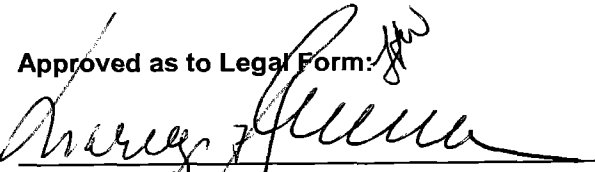
**Approved:**

  
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Paul G. Vallas  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
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Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to Legal Form:**

  
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Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel