

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ARTHUR REYNOLDS FOR
CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Arthur Reynolds to provide consulting services to Office of Language, Cultural, and Early Childhood Education at a cost not to exceed \$40,000. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis due to his knowledge and expertise in conducting Early Childhood Evaluations and Longitudinal Studies. 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 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification No.: 01-250221

CONSULTANT: Arthur Reynolds
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Stoughton, WI 53589
(608) 263-1847
Vendor #72341

USER: Office of Language, Cultural, and Early Childhood Education
125 S. Clark, 9th Floor
Armando Almendarez
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TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is signed and shall end June 30, 2002.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board may terminate this agreement for any or no reason with 30 day's notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant will conduct an impact evaluation study that investigates the short-term impact of four CPS preschool programs on students who participated from 1994 to 1996. The four programs to be studied are: State Prekindergarten, Head Start, Child-Parent Centers, and Chapter 1 Preschool programs. Consultant will analyze annually- collected data, conduct teacher interviews and analyze student instruction materials. Consultant's study will focus on children who enrolled in a CPS preschool program as 4 year olds during the 93-94 school year and who were third graders in 1998. Descriptive and explanatory analysis will be conducted after obtaining individual level data from CPS.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant will provide an impact study report which will evaluate the short-term effects of the following four preschool programs: Head Start, Child-Parent Centers, State Prekindergarten and Title I Preschools. Consultant's report will address the following primary study questions: 1) what are the characteristics of children and families served? 2) what are children's levels of language literacy, social development, and motor development as rated by teachers? 3) do children in preschool programs have a higher ITBS scores in reading and math by third grade compared to children with no center-based preschool experiences? 4) are children in these preschool programs less likely to be retained by the third grade than children in the comparison group? 5) are children less likely to receive special education services by third grade than the comparison group?

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in a report of findings that will assist CPS in serving the educational needs of children and families efficiently and effectively.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: \$10,000 at signing of the contract, \$20,000 upon completion of data collection, and \$10,000 upon receipt of the final report; with total compensation not to exceed \$40,000.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: The total compensation amount reflected herein is inclusive of all expenses.

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.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: M/WBE participation for Independent Contractors is determined on an aggregated basis and reported in the M/WBE Monthly Report. M/WBE participation: 0% Black, 0% Hispanic, 0% Asian, 0% WBE, 100% Non-Minority.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Early Childhood Education: \$40,000
Budget Classification 0952-210-364-8928-5410
Requisition Number

Fiscal Year: FY2002
Source of Funds - EC State Block Grant

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.

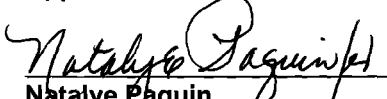
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their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

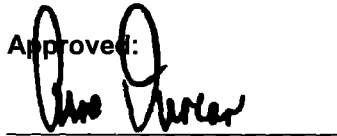
Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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.

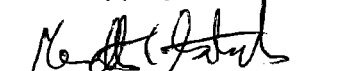
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:

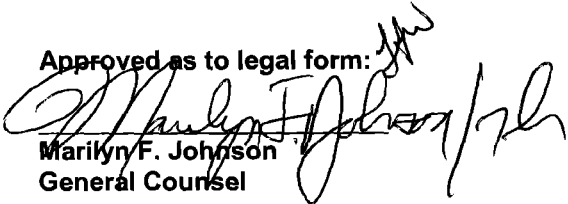

Natalye Paquin
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:

Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel