

**APPROVE CONSENT DECREE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
OF DEBARMENT ACTION OF UNIVERSAL IRON WORKS, INC.
AND RUBEN ZARCO**

THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

That the Chicago Board of Education approve the Consent Decree and Settlement Agreement with Universal Iron Works, Inc., and Ruben Zarco which provides that Universal Iron Works, Inc., and Ruben Zarco are voluntarily excluded from conducting business with the Board for a period of eighteen months (18) months commencing November 20, 2001 and ending May 20, 2003.

In the Notice of Debarment, the Board alleged the following against Universal Iron Works, Inc., and Ruben Zarco: (i) failed to pay one or more employees the prevailing rate of pay on a Board project, in accordance with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act; and (ii) failed to keep an accurate record showing the names and occupation/classification of employees and the actual hourly wages paid to the employees, on a Board project, in accordance with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act; and (iii) submitted false certified payrolls.

DESCRIPTION: Section 2.2(b)(1) and (3) and 2.2(e) of the Board's Debarment Policy and Procedures (the "Policy") provides for debarment of businesses and their "affiliates," "participants," and "principals" (as defined in the Policy) from participation in the Board's procurement transactions and activities for failure to perform in accordance with the terms of Board rules, policies, agreements or transactions, violation of contract provisions and requirements, violations of Board Rules and Policies, for the commission of any other act indicating a lack of business integrity or honesty.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE

ACTION STATUS: Affirmative Action review is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: None.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: None

Approved,


MARILYN F. JOHNSON
General Counsel

Within Appropriation:


KENNETH C. GOTSCH
Chief Fiscal Officer