

RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Ratify an agreement with Northwestern University Center for Learning Technologies in Urban Schools (LeTUS) to provide consulting services to the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at a cost not to exceed \$716,254.00. LeTUS was selected on a non-competitive basis because it was named in the 5-year National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant that funds the Chicago Urban Systemic Initiative Project (CUSP). A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to LeTUS 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.

CONSULTANT: Northwestern University
The Center for Learning Technologies in Urban Schools (LeTUS)
School of Education and Social Policy
Walter Annenberg Hall
2115 North Campus Drive
Evanston, Illinois 60208
Contact Person: Louis Gomez
Tel. No.: 1-847-467-2824

USER: Office of Curriculum and Instruction
Department of Instruction for Mathematics, Science, Health and Technology
Medill Professional Training Center
1326 W. 14th Place, Room 102 A
Chicago, IL 60608 (Mail Run #80)
Contact person: Clifton D. Burgess, Director
Tel. No.: 773-553-6235

TERM: The term of this agreement shall be 30 months commencing on September 1, 2000 and ending February 28, 2003. The agreement shall have one option to renew for a 12-month period and a second option to renew for a 6-month period, subject to committed NSF Grant funding and Board approval.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: LeTUS will work with CUSP to create and implement a sequence of professional development courses that combine mathematics, science and technology (MST) subject matter and pedagogy. These courses and associated materials will be used by Northwestern to give participating CPS teachers the knowledge they require to obtain K-5 specializations in one or more of the MST areas and middle grade math and science endorsements. LeTUS also will assist other Board-select academic institutions with implementing and adapting this sequence of professional development courses.

The Board accepted a CUSP Grant from NSF in the amount of \$11,800,000.00 (Board Report #00-10-25-ED4), of which \$716,254.00 was earmarked to fund the 30 months of LeTUS services described herein. These services will be provided as described in the agreement. Subject to additional NSF Grant funding and Board approval, LeTUS will provide services to the Board for the first 4 years of the 5-year CUSP Grant.

DELIVERABLES: LeTUS will develop and refine 10 prototype MST K-5 professional development courses and 4 prototype math and science middle grade professional development courses. LeTUS will teach the courses to trial groups of CPS teachers, will modify the courses on the basis of test data, and will finalize the courses so the Board can have other academic institutions provide these courses to CPS teachers

OUTCOMES: LeTUS services will result in a series of MST professional development courses that Northwestern and other Board-selected academic institutions can use and modify for the benefit of CPS teachers. The quality of the Board's teaching staff will improve as more teachers receive K-5 MST specializations and middle grade endorsements in the areas of math and science.

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COMPENSATION: For service rendered from September 1, 2000 to August 31, 2001, LeTUS shall receive a lump sum payment of \$287,500.00. For services rendered from September 1, 2001 to February 28, 2003, LeTUS shall be paid \$428,754.00, in equal quarterly payments of \$71,459.00, subject to the Board's receipt and acceptance of the scheduled Deliverables. The total value of the agreement for the initial 30-month term shall not exceed \$716,254.00.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the Curriculum and Instruction Officer to execute all ancillary documents.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprises Economic Participation (M/WBE), this agreement is exempt from review because this vendor is a private university.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge \$716,254.00 to the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Science, Mathematics Health and Technology

\$287,500.00	Fiscal Year: 00/01
\$288,604.00	Fiscal Year: 01/02
\$140,150.00	Fiscal Year: 02/03

Budget Classification: 0951-239-617-1521-5410 Source of Funds: National Science Foundation

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).

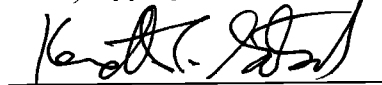
Approved for Consideration:


Anita Rocha
Acting Purchasing Officer

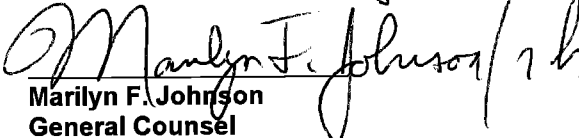
Approved:


Arne Duncan *by PAD*
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel