

AUTHORIZE TUITION PAYMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve tuition payment to the University of Illinois at Chicago for graduate level coursework used by the Office of Language and Cultural Education at a cost not to exceed \$100,000. These courses are part of a series provided to teachers with a Type 29 certificate for obtaining an Illinois State Standard Teaching Certificate and bilingual/ESL approvals. This support is a required component of the Federal IASA Title VII Systemwide Project. This is the final year of the project which ends on August 31, 2002.

Specifications No.: 02-250015

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The University of Illinois at Chicago, through the five-year Systemwide Project, will organize and implement courses needed by CPS Type 29 teachers to fulfill the requirements for Illinois standard teaching certification and bilingual/ESL approvals. The participating 25 teachers will also be eligible to receive a Master's Degree in Instructional Leadership/Elementary Education upon completing additional requirements for which they will not receive support through this project. The University will provide support for teachers to be successful on the *Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) Basic Skills Test*. The university will:

- Recruit a cohort of Type-29 bilingual teachers to fill the existing program vacancies.
- Provide a modified master's curriculum tailored to the needs of participating CPS teachers.
- Provide day-to-day academic support to the participants, including advising and student teaching.
- Evaluate the program through participant feedback, observation and documentation.
- Network with institutions of higher education with similar programs.

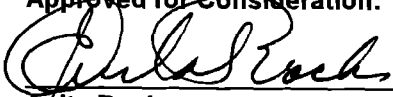
OUTCOMES: At the conclusion of the project, 25 participants will complete the certification requirements and become eligible to receive an Illinois State Standard Teaching Certificate.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) this contract is exempt from review because the contract is for a tuition payment.

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

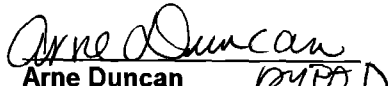
FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Language and Cultural Education: \$100,000
Budget Classification: 0460-268-177-7944-5560
Source of Funds: U.S. Department of Education
Fiscal Year: 2002

Approved for Consideration:



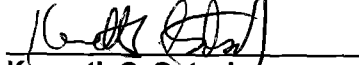
Anita Rocha
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



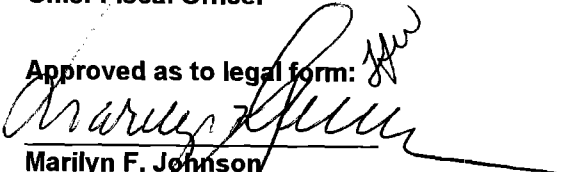
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Within Appropriation:



Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel