

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRAINFOREST, INC. FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE VIRTUAL PRE-K WEBSITE****THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve entering into an agreement with Brainforest, Inc. for the expansion of the Virtual Pre-K Website for the Office of Early Childhood Education at a cost not to exceed \$63,766. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of their unique qualifications in developing interactive educational websites. 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.: 02-250085

**CONSULTANT:** Brainforest, Inc.  
1735 N. Paulina #409  
Chicago, IL 60622  
(773) 395 - 2500  
Contact Person: Victoria Mullins  
Vendor Number: 32564

**USER:** Office of Early Childhood Education  
125 S. Clark Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Ronald R. Whitmore  
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**TERM:** The term of this agreement shall commence on the date the agreement is signed and shall end three months thereafter.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Consultant will expand the Virtual Pre-K Website to support 10 new preschool lessons (English and Spanish) presented in the Virtual Pre-K video hour #2. Additional links will also be added by Consultant related to the new themes of nutrition, health & safety. New success charts will be added for new lessons in English and Spanish and there will be an expanded around town calendar. Content for these areas will be developed and provided by CPS teachers and early childhood staff. The site will continue to be maintained and updated by staff within the Office of Early Childhood Education. Consultant will also design and develop a CD-Rom Master in both English and Spanish with content from video hour #2 that will work in conjunction with the Virtual Classroom website.

**DELIVERABLES:** Consultant will expand the current Virtual Pre-K Website to include the additional themes of Nutrition, Health and Safety. Consultant will deliver CD-ROM masters, one in English and one in Spanish.

**OUTCOMES:** Consultant's services will result in the expansion of the Board's interactive Virtual Pre-K website to include a second hour of video lessons and available to parents and teachers.

**COMPENSATION:** Consultant shall be paid as follows: 50% upon signing of the contract and 50% upon delivery of final accepted product with the total compensation not to exceed \$63,766.

**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 Deputy Chief Education Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** The M/WBE goals for this contract include: 35% total MBE, 22% total African American, 10% total Hispanic, 2% Asian, and 5% total WBE.

However, the Waiver Review Committee recommends that a full waiver of the M/WBE participation goals for this contract as required by the Revised Remedial Plan be waived because the contract scope is not further divisible.

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Office of Early Childhood Education : \$63,766 Fiscal Year:2002  
Budget Classification:0952-239-276-7944-5410  
Source of Funds Miscellaneous Federal/State Block Grants

**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.

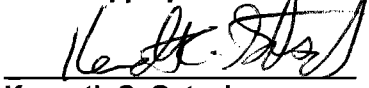
**Contingent Liability –** The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

**Approved for Consideration:**



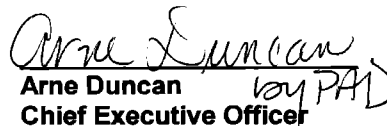
Anita Rocha  
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

**Within Appropriation:**



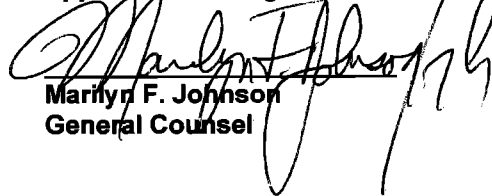
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved:**



Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**



Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel