

**APPROVE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FUNDING COMMITMENT FOR VARIOUS SCHOOLS
FROM THE SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION
OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY (E-RATE)
AND APPROVE AND RATIFY THE CONTRACTS FOR THE E-RATE WORK**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the acceptance of the funding commitment from the School's and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) issued pursuant to the Universal Service E-Rate Program for various schools listed in Attachment A.

Approve and ratify the existing written contracts and any extension or amendment thereto, in the aggregate amount of \$325,100.00, with various contractors, including approval and ratification of the principal's signature thereon for purchases and work eligible for E-Rate reimbursement during the second E-Rate qualification period which originally ended June 30, 2001 but was extended to September 30, 2002. All services provided under these contracts must be completed no later than September 30, 2002 unless this date is further extended by the SLD.

Contractors were selected pursuant to a request for bids solicited in accordance with the guidelines and requirements issued by the Federal Government's Universal Services Program. Information pertinent to these agreements is stated below.

CONTRACTORS: See Attachment A

USER: Various Schools listed in Attachment A

TERM: The term of each agreement shall commence on the date the agreement was signed and shall end September 30, 2002 or any E-Rate extension date subsequently approved by the SLD.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Each vendor will provide LAN construction services to design, build and install a local area network infrastructure which will provide classroom internet access. The Office of Technology Services and the Operations Department are jointly overseeing these projects.

DELIVERABLES: Each vendor will provide LAN construction services to schools listed in Attachment A to provide and install a local area network infrastructure.

OUTCOMES: Each school listed in Attachment A will have a local area network and classroom Internet access.

COMPENSATION: Vendors shall be paid as follows: Upon invoicing, not to exceed the sum of their respective contracts; with the aggregate not to exceed \$325,100.00. The services provided by the various vendors are eligible for, but not contingent upon, E-Rate discounts under the Federal Government's Universal Services Program.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the Principal of each school listed in Attachment A to sign the agreement and any extensions or amendments thereto. Authorize the Chief Technology Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate these agreements.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan), the Per Contract and Category Goals method for M/WBE participation will be utilized. Thus, contracts for subsequent vendors from the pool created by this contract will be subject to compliance reviews on a contract-by-contract basis. Aggregated compliance of the vendors in the pool will be reported on a quarterly basis.

LSC REVIEW: Each Local School Council previously approved this action.

FINANCIAL: Charge to each school as specified in Attachment A, with the corresponding budget classification.

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.

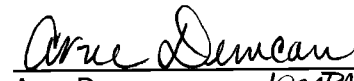
Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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).

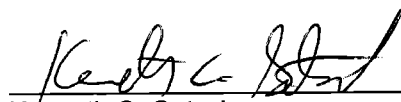
Approved for Consideration:


Anita Rocha
Acting Chief Purchasing Officer

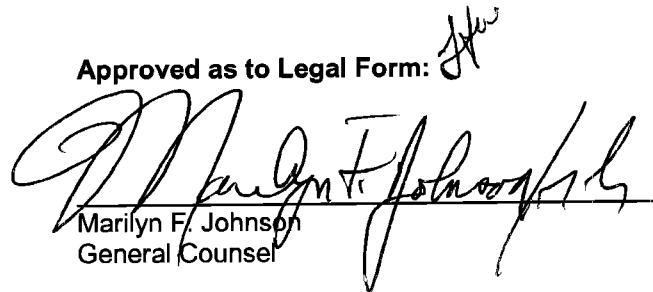
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:


Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel

