

**RATIFY THE RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE ROCHELLE LEE FUND
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify the renewal of the agreement with the Rochelle Lee Fund to provide consulting services to the Chief Education Office at a cost not to exceed \$138,770. These services were continued without prior Board approval. A written renewal agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Consultant during the renewal term prior to the execution of the written renewal agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written renewal agreement is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this renewal agreement is stated below.

SPECIFICATION NO: 00-250775

CONSULTANT: The Rochelle Lee Fund
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Chicago, IL 60640
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Vendor # 24181

USER: Office of the Chief Education Officer
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Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins
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ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original agreement (authorized by Board report 00-1220-PR19) in the amount of \$140,485) is for a term commencing May 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002, with the Board having the option to renew the agreement for a one year period. The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis because of Consultant's expertise in presenting inter-active courses for CPS teachers.

OPTION PERIOD: The term of this agreement shall be renewed for a period commencing on July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There are no option periods remaining.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The consultant will continue its program with the primary focus of giving intermediate and upper grade level teachers an in-depth experience in reading and discussing quality children's literature. Consultant will conduct courses wherein teachers will take on the role of the student during the course sessions, and by using books that are age and curriculum appropriate, teachers will be taught to transfer these experiences in their classrooms. Consultant will train teachers on how to use discussion as a means of motivating children to higher levels of thinking and understanding. Consultant will provide guidance and support to teachers to enable them to help their students improve their comprehension, grapple with deeper meaning of text, and enhance their enjoyment of reading. During the course, consultant will visit each teacher's classroom to observe, model and evaluate a student literature discussion. Consultant will also conduct a follow-up visit to participating teachers' classrooms once the course has been completed; will provide feedback; share and model discussion techniques; and make recommendations for literature during this visit. Consultant will design an assessment tool to evaluate both teacher professional development and student achievement. The resulting report will be submitted to the Chicago Board of Education.

DELIVERABLES: The Rochelle Lee fund will offer 12 courses during the 2002-2003 school year: six courses will be offered for intermediate level teachers (grades 4-6) and six courses will be offered for

upper level teachers (grades 7-8). The courses will be listed in the Chicago Public schools' re-certification catalog and enrollment will be limited to the first 175 teachers who register. Each course will consist of five monthly sessions, three hours each, after school or on Saturdays. Classes will be limited to 15 teachers and will begin in September and October and end in February and March. Consultant will supply all course books and materials.

OUTCOMES: Consultant services will result in teachers receiving the necessary professional training in how to use books effectively with their students. Teachers will be reading for meaning and improving their ability to facilitate discussion, while expanding their own appreciation of the power of children's literature. Consultant's services will also help develop readers: children who not only know how to read, but in fact do read – fluently, frequently, and willingly.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid on a quarterly basis upon the submittal of invoices. The invoices shall be submitted at the beginning of each quarter to provide advance funding for the purchase of the requisite course materials and books. Compensation will be at the rate of \$34,692.50 per quarter, not to exceed \$138,770.00.

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 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% total Asian and 5% total WBE.

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

The vendor has, however, identified and scheduled the following firms and percentages:

Total 30.4% MBE

Patricia Daniels 340 Diversity, #717 Chicago, IL 60657	Independent Consultant \$7,700 -- 5.50%
Sylvia Meyers 380 Russet Lane Chicago, IL 60657	Independent Consultant \$11,550 -- 9.0%
Ellen Esrick 1326 Judson Evanston, IL 60201	Independent Consultant \$11,550 -- 9.0%
Margaret Donovan 2757 Marcy St. Evanston, IL 60201	Independent Consultant \$11,550 -- 9.0%

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to City-wide General Education: \$138,770	Fiscal Year: 2003
Budget Classification: 0320-239-699-2435-5410	Source of Funds: 239

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:




Sean P. Murphy
Chief Purchasing Officer

Within Appropriation:



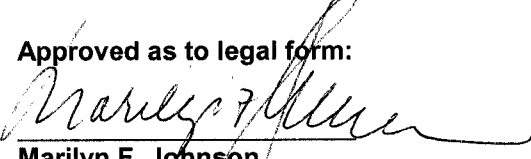
Kenneth C. Gotsch
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan *by PAD*
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Marilyn F. Johnson
General Counsel