

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS CONSULTANTS
FOR CORE MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into agreements with the consultants identified below to provide core management services for schools in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the Enhancing Education through Technology (Ed Tech) program for the Department of Instructional Technology (DoIT) at a total aggregate cost not to exceed \$300,000.00. Consultants were selected on a non-competitive basis due to their qualifications, expertise and abilities to provide appropriate services specified in the grant applications. Additionally, consultants were identified as the providers of services in the Ed Tech grant applications for Fiscal Year 2003. Written agreements for Consultants' services are currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Consultants and no payments shall be made to Consultants prior to the execution of their written agreements. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each Consultant in the event a written agreement for such Consultant is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to these agreements is stated below.

CONSULTANTS:

1. Computer Services & Consulting, Inc. (CS&C)
1613 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60616
Babylon Williams, Vice President
312-360-1100 phone
312-360-0324 fax
Vendor#: 41798

2. EDGE Technological Resources
230 West Cermak Road, Suite 2A, Chicago, Illinois 60616
Rhea L. Steele, President
312-842-4617 phone
312-842-4718 fax
Vendor#: 25236

3. Harvest Technologies, Inc.
330 S. Wells Street, Suite 902, Chicago, Illinois 60606
Debra Harris, President
312-356-1100 phone
312-356-1101 fax
Vendor#: 29094

USER:

Department of Instructional Technology
Medill Technical and Professional Development Center
1326 West 14th Place – Room 104
Shirley Berry, Director
553-6260

TERM: The term of each agreement shall commence on March 1, 2003 and shall end September 30, 2003

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: Either party may terminate the agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultants will provide core management services for schools on behalf of DoIT in coordination with other vendors to meet the goals and objectives of the EdTech Grant. Such services include, but are not limited to, needs assessment with school staff, scheduling on-site professional development courses from the DoIT curriculum continuum, evaluation of professional development program and staff, and quality assurance of technology infrastructure in participating schools.

DELIVERABLES: Consultants will:

- Produce documentation as it relates to program goals, objectives, activities, materials, and implementation plans
- Coordinate reports prepared or initiated by another vendor for uniform delivery to the schools

OUTCOMES: Consultants' services shall result in:

- Monitoring teachers, administrators, and other staff who participate in the program to ensure that they are achieving 5 to 15% increase in their school test scores as they relate to *Illinois Technology Standards for Teachers and Administrators*
- Developing reports to indicate which teachers, administrators, and other staff have not achieved 5 to 15% increase in their school test scores as they relate to *Illinois Technology Standards for Teachers and Administrators*

COMPENSATION: Consultants shall be paid their hourly rates of pay based on a specific scope of services specified in their contracts, with monthly payments supported by approved invoices for services, with the total compensation per Consultant not to exceed the dollar amounts stated below; and the aggregate compensation not to exceed \$300,000.

Computer Services & Consulting	\$150 per hour (not to exceed \$100,000)
EDGE Technological Resources	\$150 per hour (not to exceed \$100,000)
Harvest Technologies	\$150 per hour (not to exceed \$100,000)

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreements. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreements. Authorize Chief Education 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. Aggregated compliance of the vendors in the pool will be reported on a monthly basis. The M/WBE participation goals for this contract include: 35% total MBE, 22% total African American, 10% total Hispanic, 2% total Asian and 5% total WBE. The attached list of vendors has been identified and is scheduled to provide the following M/WBE participation.

Total MBE 67%

Total 34% African American:

Edge Technological Resources

Total 33% Hispanic:

Computer Services & Consulting, Inc. (CS & C)

Total 33% WBE:

Harvest Technologies, Inc.

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

Fiscal Year: 2003

FINANCIAL: Charge to Department of Instructional Technology
Budget Classification: 2000 - 239 - xxx - 1112 - 5990 (\$300,000.00)
(0950-239-970-7783-5990)
Source of Funds: Illinois State Board of Education.
Requisition Number: [#]

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

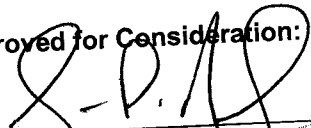
Inspector General – Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel 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.

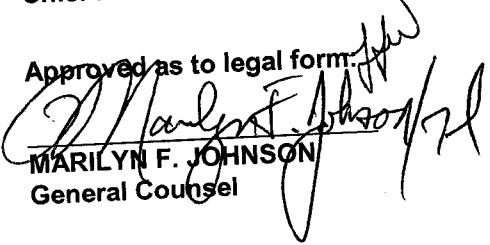
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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

Approved:

ARNE DUNCAN
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

KENNETH C. GOTSCH
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to legal form:

MARILYN F. JOHNSON
General Counsel