

**RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY FOR CONSULTING SERVICES****THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Ratify an agreement with Western Illinois University to provide consulting services to the Chicago Reading Initiative – Reading Excellence Act (REA) Program in the amount of \$157,607.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because consultant is identified as the provider of these services under the Illinois State Board of Education and Chicago's REA Grant. A written agreement for these services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made prior to the execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this document is stated below.

**Specification No: 03-250078**

**CONSULTANT:** Western Illinois University  
1 University Circle  
Sherman Hall 216  
Macomb, IL 61455  
Courtney Blankenship  
(309) 298-1838  
Vendor #35126

**USER:** Office of Professional Development  
Chicago Reading Initiative – REA Program  
1326 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Place – Room 103  
Lisa Epstein  
(773) 553-6185

**TERM:** The term of this agreement shall commence on September 1, 2002 and shall end on August 31, 2003. This agreement shall have no options to renew.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Western Illinois University, acting as the lead partner of a consortium of universities contracted through the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), shall provide training and staff development to district participants in the REA Grant. The consortium forms the Illinois Center for Achieving Reading Excellence (ICARE). Throughout the state, seven partnering universities shall provide mini courses for classroom teachers and reading specialists and will develop a Comprehensive Literacy Institute to help teachers develop classroom practices that reflect the best recommendations from research and to design and implement appropriate instruction. Western Illinois shall receive payment and disburse the funds to the various partnering universities.

**DELIVERABLES:** Consultant shall provide research-based mini courses in the area of teaching reading, that will be made available to participating teachers. REA Program Directors shall be instructed in the effective implementation of the grant.

**OUTCOMES:** Participating teachers will have a repertoire of effective teaching strategies they can employ with their students.

**COMPENSATION:** Consultant shall be paid the sum of \$157,607, with the first payment of \$78,803.50 due at the time of execution of the agreement and the remainder of \$78,803.50 due August 31, 2003.

**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:** 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 vendor is a university.

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to the Office of Professional Development - Chicago Reading Initiative: \$157,607  
Budget Classification: 0320-239-912-1049-5410  
Source of Funds: REA Grant  
Federal/State Block Grants – Fund 239

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General – Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS5/34-13.1, 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.

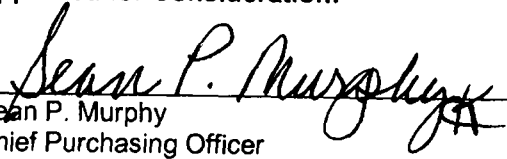
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms in 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).

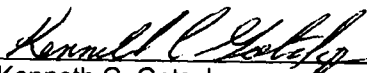
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Sean P. Murphy  
Chief Purchasing Officer

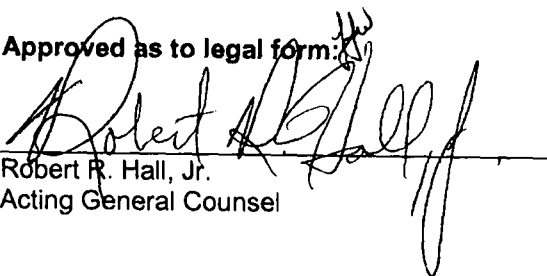
**Approved:**

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
Kenneth C. Gotsch  
Chief Fiscal Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
Robert R. Hall, Jr.  
Acting General Counsel