

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BEVERLY LACOSTE  
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve entering into an agreement with Beverly LaCoste to provide consulting services to the Chief Education Office at a cost not to exceed \$60,000.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of Consultant's high degree of expertise in project development. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. 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.: 03-250229**

<b>CONSULTANT:</b> Beverly LaCoste 5149 South Cornell Chicago, IL 60615 Phone: (773) 702-3627 Vendor No.: 22045	<b>USER:</b> Chief Education Office 125 South Clark Street, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Chicago, Illinois 60603 Contact Person: Virginia Vaske, Area Instructional Officer (773) 535-9582
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**TERM:** The term of this agreement shall commence on November 1, 2003 and shall end on October 31, 2004. This agreement shall have one option to renew for a period of one year.

**EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:** Either party shall have the right to terminate this agreement with a minimum of 60 days notice.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** The Consultant shall provide consulting services to Area 15. The Consultant will oversee the development of a Mid-South Cluster of schools that span the newly redeveloped Southside community of 35<sup>th</sup> Street to 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Cottage Grove to Lake Michigan. The schools serving this area include: Ariel, Doolittle East, Doolittle West, Fuller, North Kenwood Oakland Charter School, Price, Robinson, Dyett High School and King High School.

Consultant will:

- Report directly to the Area 15 Instructional Officer.
- Serve as liaison between Cluster Schools and CPS.
- Serve as a liaison to city and community resources (universities, arts institutions, businesses, etc.) and strengthen partnerships between schools and resources.
- Identify the strengths and weaknesses of each of the respective schools.
- Work with the principal and teachers to identify a curricular focus for each school.
- Seek resources to improve instruction at each of the schools.
- Work with parents and community members in the area.
- Attend community meetings related to this initiative.

**DELIVERABLES:**

Consultant will:

- Facilitate cross-school principal and teacher meetings to identify cluster goals.
- Plan cluster-wide activities and professional development to support goals and assist with implementation.
- Provide information and connections to professional development programs.
- Help promote the initiative through the development of a marketing brochure.
- Search for viable resources and write grant proposals.
- Write press releases, school newsletter columns and create flyers to inform community of cluster activities.

**OUTCOMES:** Consultant's services shall result in 1) a newly developed cluster of schools serving the redeveloped community, 2) identification of appropriate curriculum focus for each school and 3) buy-in from parents and community members to support schools in this Cluster.

**COMPENSATION:** Consultant shall be paid on a monthly basis with the total annual cost not to exceed \$60,000.00.

**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:** This contract is in *full* compliance with the goals required by the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) because the prime is an independent consultant (100% African American).

**LSC REVIEW:** Not applicable to this report.

<b>FINANCIAL:</b> Charge: \$ 60,000.00	Fiscal Year: 2004
Budget Classification: 0950-210-000-1005-5410	Source of Funds: \$15,000- 210, Education
0950-280-432-1005-5410	\$45,000- 280, Special Funds Income Grant from the University of Chicago

**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.

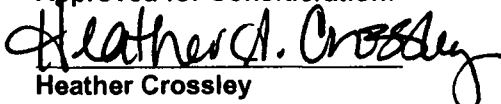
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

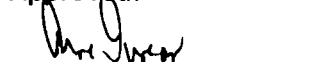
Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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:**

  
 Heather Crossley  
 Chief Purchasing Officer

**Approved:**

  
 Arne Duncan  
 Chief Executive Officer

**Within Appropriation:**

  
 John Maiorca  
 Chief Financial Officer

**Approved as to legal form:**

  
 Ruth Moscovitch  
 General Counsel