

**AMEND BOARD REPORT 03-0625-PR46**  
**APPROVE EXERCISING THE FIRST OPTION TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH GROW**  
**NETWORK, INC. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

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

Approve exercising the first option to renew an agreement with Grow Network, Inc. to provide consulting services to the Chicago Public Schools at a cost not to exceed ~~\$2,000,000.00~~ \$2,100,000.00. 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.

This amendment is necessary to: 1) expand the scope of services to include a Data Driven Decision Making program, 2) increase the total maximum compensation by \$100,000.00, and 3) to correct the project number for the original funding source. A written contract amendment is currently being prepared. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written amendment is not executed within 90 days of the date of this amended Board Report.

**Specification No.:** 02-250104

**CONSULTANT:** Grow Network, Inc.  
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New York, NY 10016  
Contact: Patrick Haugh  
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Vendor # 35928

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**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original agreement (authorized under Board Report 02-0626-PR26, as amended by Board Report 03-0225-PR32) is for a term commencing July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003 with a total cost of \$2,200,000.00 and the Board having three one-year options to renew. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of its unique qualifications to provide a comprehensive system-wide program to improve teaching and learning through the use of assessments, skills analyses and professional development.

**OPTION PERIOD:** The term of this agreement is being extended for one year commencing July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:** There are two option periods remaining.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Consultant will continue to provide its Grow Report System of integrated print and web-based instructional tools for teachers, instructional leaders and parents together with professional development to promote informed usage of assessments and skills analyses to improve teaching and learning. Consultant will continue to provide 14,000 CPS teachers with online access to review their students' ITBS standardized test performance data and also provide Grow Reports and professional development services related thereto. Consultant will also provide improved print reports and web tools, reports on grade 3 students who were not promoted, centralized access for CPS leadership to view performance data, enhanced parent reports for fall 2003, customized instructional materials to be fully integrated with the Chicago Math and Science Initiative and the CPS Reading Initiative Resources Guide Vol. #1. Consultant will also provide a Data Driven Decision Making program that will build the



**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.

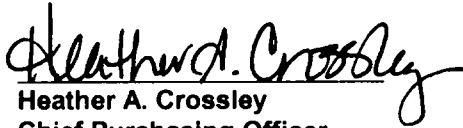
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

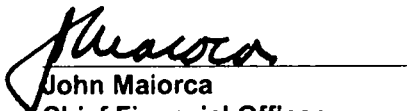
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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).

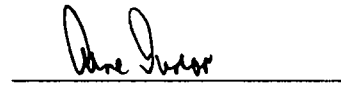
**Approved for Consideration:**

  
Heather A. Crossley  
Chief Purchasing Officer

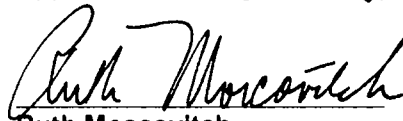
**Within Appropriation:**

  
John Maiorca  
Chief Financial Officer

**Approved:**

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

**Approved as to legal form:** 

  
Ruth Moscovitch  
General Counsel