

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DIVERSIFIED  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

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

Approve entering into an agreement with Diversified Telecommunications, Inc. to provide consulting services to the Office of Business Diversity at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00. Vendor was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to a duly advertised Request for Proposals (Specification No. 03-250157). 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. 03-250157

**CONSULTANT:** Diversified Telecommunications, Inc.  
1112 S. Wabash Street, Suite 500  
Chicago, IL 60605  
Contact Person: Mark Wallace  
Phone No: (312) 362-9600 Fax: (312) 362-9272  
Vendor No.: 23087

**USER:** Office of Business Diversity  
125 S. Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Contact Person: Rosalinda Castillo  
Phone No.: (773) 553-2980

**TERM:** The term of this agreement shall commence on January 1, 2004 and shall end April 30, 2004.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Consultant will develop a Minority/Women- Owned Business (M/WBE) and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) reporting web application that will allow Board vendors to submit M/WBE and EEO compliance reports on-line. This Oracle-based web application will be developed by the consultant in accordance with the Office of Technology specifications. The web application will allow general contractors to submit reports concerning the payment of monies to M/WBE firms, as well as hours worked by minority and female tradepersons and city residents on CPS construction sites. Consultant shall develop, implement and provide training to general contractors on the entering of data into the Oracle standalone web application.

**DELIVERABLES:** Consultant will provide a web application that meets OTS specifications, a user training guide and two training sessions for new users.

**OUTCOMES:** Consultant's services will result in the implementation of an M/WBE EEO reporting system that will help ensure the success of the Capital Improvement Program through increased reporting of M/WBE participating in the Board's Capital Program.

**COMPENSATION:** Consultant shall be paid monthly as invoices are submitted and verified, not to exceed a total amount of \$ 200,000.00.

**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.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** The M/WBE goals for this contract include 35% total MBE, 22% total African-American; 10% Hispanic; 2% Asian; and 5% total WBE. The vendor has identified and scheduled the following original M/WBE firms/consultants and percentages.

**Total MBE: 100%**

**Total African-American:**

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\$200,000.00  
Certification Expires:  
April 30, 2007

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 it is not further divisible.

**FINANCIAL:** Minority & Women-Owned Business and EEO Reporting  
Charge to: Office of Business Diversity - \$ 200,000.00  
Budget Classification No. 0114-458-000-1142-5400  
Fund 458 – Capital Improvement Program

**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, is hereby 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, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

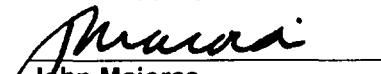
Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

**Approved for Consideration:**



Heather A. Obora  
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