

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE ILLINOIS RESOURCE CENTER  
FOR ILLINOIS NCLB CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES**

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

Approve payment to the Illinois Resource Center for Illinois NCLB Conference Fees for the Office of Research, Evaluation and Accountability in the amount of \$30,000.00. No written agreement is necessary for this matter. Information pertinent to this purchase is stated below.

**Specification No: 03-250262**

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**USER:** Office of Research, Evaluation and  
Accountability  
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Chicago, IL 60603  
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**CONFERENCE DATES:** The NCLB Conference shall be held on February 4, 5, and 6, 2004, at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, 301 East North Water Street, Chicago, Illinois.

**DESCRIPTION OF CONFERENCE:** The Illinois Resource Center, in collaboration with the Illinois State Board of Education, is sponsoring a conference for teachers and administrators involved in NCLB programs. The Center invites participation of teachers and administrators. This conference covers relevant topics including federal legislation and state guidelines for NCLB programs, best educational practices for students at risk, and innovative programs that utilize research-based models.

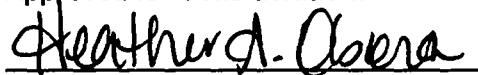
**PAYMENT:** The Illinois Resource Center shall be paid the sum of \$30,000.00, which represents registration fees for 350 Chicago teachers and administrators at a cost of \$85.00 each day.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Participation (M/WBE Plan) this contract is exempt from review because the contract is a rental agreement.

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


**FINANCIAL:** Charge to: Office of Research, Evaluation and Accountability, Budget Classification:  
0012-242-813-8273-5420  
Fiscal Year: 2004 Source of Funds: NCLB Funds

**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  
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