

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

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Alternatives, Inc. to provide consulting services to the Office of Specialized Services/Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities at a cost not to exceed \$49,000. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because it has provided quality services to the Chicago Public Schools in the past in the development of the Peer Juries model. Alternatives, Inc. has five years experience working with CPS to develop Peer Juries. 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.: 03-250269

CONSULTANT:	Alternatives, Inc. 4730 North Sheridan Chicago, Illinois 60640 Contact: Judith M. Gall Phone: 773-506-7474 Vendor #13789	USER: Office of Specialized Services Safe & Drug Free Schools 125 S. Clark Street, 8 th Floor Contract: Dr. Renee Grant-Mitchell 773-553-1800
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TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on January 5, 2004 and shall end January 4, 2005.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Alternatives, Inc. will provide technical support and assist the implementation process of the Alternatives school-based Peer Jury model in 23 high schools: Austin, Brooks, Chicago Military Academy-Bronzeville, Corliss, Crane, Curie, Jones, Kelvyn Park, Kennedy, Kenwood, Mather, Payton, Tilden, George Washington, Collins, Harlan, Manley, Whitney Young, Roosevelt, Juarez, Senn, North Lawndale, and Westinghouse. The Alternatives school-based Peer Jury model consists of volunteer youth and peer jurors, who are trained to analyze the facts of a student's case, ask questions, and decide on appropriate consequences to school disciplinary issues for Sections 1-3 of the Chicago Public Schools Discipline Code. Alternatives, Inc. will provide training, materials, and technical assistance to prepare individual schools to develop a peer jury program. The training will focus on three essential components: Community Partnership, Youth Leadership Development, and Balanced and Restorative Justice principles.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall provide the following: develop orientation session and materials, convene a city-wide advisory committee, facilitate focus groups for high schools, convene quarterly area meetings, execute one 2-day Area Orientation and one 2-day Area Workshop Sessions, distribute evaluation surveys, provide on-going follow-up technical assistance, facilitate one visit per month to each Peer Jury school, facilitate monthly advisory committee meetings, develop Train-the-Trainer sessions and materials, execute 2-day Train-the-Trainer sessions, provide on-going follow-up and technical assistance, and evaluate and provide technical assistance to Peer Jury programs operating in all 23 high schools.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in the implementation of on-site operating Peer Jury programs in the high schools noted above which programs will result in a 10% reduction at each participating school of violations to the uniform discipline code and acts of misconduct.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: Equal monthly payments, not to exceed the sum of \$49,000.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None

AUTHORIZATION: The General Counsel is authorized to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written renewal agreement. The President and Secretary are authorized to execute the renewal agreement. The Chief Specialized Services Officer is authorized to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this renewal agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The M/WBE goals for this contract include 35% total MBE, 22% total African American, 10% total Hispanic, 2% Asian and 5% total WBE.

However, the Waiver Review Committee recommends that a *full* waiver of the M/WBE participation goals for this contract as required by the Revised Remedial Plan be granted because the contract is not further divisible.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Specialized Services \$49,000 Fiscal Year: 2004
 Budget Classification: 0965-239-480-8984-5410
 Source of Funds: 239/Federal/State Grants

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.

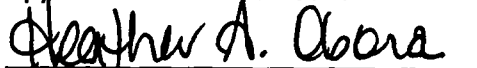
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one-year period following expiration or other termination of their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

Approved:



Arne Duncan
 Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
 Chief Financial Officer



Ruth Moscovitch
 General Counsel