

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE SECOND OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS
FOR THE PURCHASE OF SPECIALIZED ACOUSTICAL ENHANCEMENT ADAPTED EQUIPMENT**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the second option to renew the agreements with the five vendors identified below for the purchase of specialized adapted equipment required for use by the Office of Specialized Services, at an aggregate cost not to exceed \$222,300.00. These contracts are subject to the Board's Strategic Sourcing Policy. A written renewal agreement with each vendor is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to any vendor during the renewal period prior to the execution of such vendor's written renewal agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each vendor in the event a written renewal agreement is not executed by such vendor within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to these renewal agreements is stated below.

SPECIFICATION NO.: 00-250657

ACOUSTICAL ENHANCEMENT

VENDORS:

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| <p>1. Gordon N. Stowe & Associates
586 Palwaukee Dr.
Wheeling, IL 60090
Contact: Marc Lichtman
847/ 459-1770
Vendor No. 15277</p> | <p>2. Lightspeed Technologies
11509 sw Herman Road
Tualatim, OR 97062
Contact: Bruce Bebb
503/684-5538
Vendor No. 10644</p> |
| <p>3. Audio Enhancement
14241 S. Redwood Road
Bluffdale, UT 84065
Contact: Claudia Anderson
801/254-9263
Vendor No. 44639</p> | <p>4. Phonak Inc.
4520 Weaver Parkway
Warrenville, IL 60555-3927
Contact: Charles Kurotko
630/821-7333
Vendor No. 31523</p> |
| <p>5. Phonic Ear
3880 Cypress Drive
Petaluma, California 94954
Contact: Celia Milan Laico
800 227-0735
Vendor No. 15252</p> | |

USERS: Office of Specialized Services
Contact Person: Dr. Renee Grant-Mitchell, Chief Officer Specialized Services, 3-1800

ORIGINAL AGREEMENTS: The original agreements (authorized by Board Report 01-0124-PR42) are for a term commencing with the date of execution and ending 24 months thereafter, with the Board having two options to renew for 12-month periods. The agreements were renewed for a term ending April 1, 2004 (authorized by Board Report 03-0122-PR39). The original agreements were awarded pursuant to a duly advertised Request for Proposals (Specification No. 00-250657).

OPTION PERIOD: Each agreement shall be renewed for a term commencing April 2, 2004 and ending April 1, 2005.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There are no option periods remaining.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Vendors will continue to provide specialized acoustical enhancement adaptive equipment to Specialized Services Staff. The Office of Specialized Services may purchase goods at its option via requisition to Procurement and Contracts which will mail a purchase order to the Vendor. Purchases over \$10,000.00 to any one vendor under this Board Report must be approved by the Chief Specialized Services Officer.

DELIVERABLES: Vendors will continue to provide Acoustical Enhancement equipment to Specialized Services Staff.

PRICES: Vendor will provide all services and equipment at the prices indicated in the written renewal agreements.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written renewal agreements. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the renewal agreements. Authorize the Chief Purchasing Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate these agreements.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The M/WBE goals for this contract include: 35% total MBE, 22% total African American, 10% total Hispanic, 2% total 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 scope is not further divisible.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to:
0966-060-000-2772-5730 - \$222,300.00
Fiscal Years: 2004 and 2005

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.

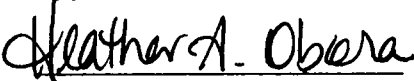
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

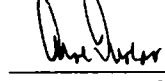
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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 J. MAIORCA
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 


RUTH M. MOSCOVITCH
General Counsel