

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE FIRST OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENTS
WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR THE PURCHASE OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the first option to renew the agreements with the twenty-seven vendors identified on Attachment A to provide specialized educational supplies to the Office of Specialized Services at an aggregate cost for the first option period not to exceed \$368,796. A written renewal agreement for each vendor is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to any vendor during the renewal term 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 this option is stated below.

SPECIFICATION NO.: 01-250333 **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR:** Linda Newcomb-Kelly – 553-2278

VENDORS: See Attachment A

USER: Office of Specialized Services

Contact Person: Dr. Renee Grant-Mitchell, Chief Officer, Specialized Services (773) 553-1800

ORIGINAL AGREEMENTS: The original agreements (authorized by Board Report 02-0522-PR23) are for a term commencing on May 23, 2002 and ending May 22, 2004, with the Board having 2 options to renew each agreement for additional 12-month periods. The original agreements were awarded on a competitive basis pursuant to a duly advertised bid solicitation (Specification No. 01-250333).

OPTION PERIOD: Each agreement shall be renewed for a term commencing May 23, 2004 and ending May 22, 2005.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There is one option period for one (1) year remaining.

DESCRIPTION OF PURCHASES: Vendors shall continue to provide specialized educational supplies in one or more of the following categories as identified in their original agreements:

1. **Assistive Technology Supplies** – These supplies include assistive technology items such as adaptive art, listening, reading and writing tools, dycem, head pointers, switches, switch mounts, sensory toys, switch toys, battery adapters, software, assessment tools, cassette players, language masters and audio cards, touch windows, expanded and mini keyboards, joysticks, trackballs, Braille writers, magnifiers, computer bags and backpacks, and storage bins.
2. **Speech and Language Supplies** – These supplies can be used (i) both in and out of the classroom with students who present communication disorders, feeding problems and phonological disorders, (ii) to improve articulation, auditory processing, phonemic awareness, expressive language, listening skills, thinking skills, vocabulary expansion, fluency and voice problems, and (iii) to improve oral motor and feeding skills, and as incentives and motivators.
3. **Early Childhood, Severe/Profound, and Autism Program Supplies** – These supplies include manipulatives, toys, games, sensory items, gross motor items, specialized scissors, crayons, arts and crafts items, switch toys, communication boards and specialized thematic materials for preschool children with disabilities. These supplies also include dramatic play items, teacher resources, items for multi-sensory environments, vocational supplies and augmentative communication devices for students with disabilities.
4. **Visually Impaired/Hearing Impaired Program Supplies** – These supplies are designed to assist students with visual and hearing problems and include items such as otoscopes, ear molds, tools for repair and maintenance of hearing aids and FM systems, specialized tape recorders, headsets and sign language tapes, talking calculators, watches, assistive alerting devices and language masters, and low vision aids and mobility devices.

- 5. **Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy and Health Related Supplies** – These supplies include velcro, splinting supplies, therabands, gait trainers, weighted vests, helmets, safety belts, trays, adapted positioning devices, weighted pencils, mounting systems, supplies for feeding, toileting and cleaning, and video/audio training tapes.

COMPENSATION: Vendors shall be paid for supplies ordered in accordance with the catalog percentage discounts identified in their respective agreements. The sum of payments to all vendors for this renewal term shall not exceed \$368,796 in the aggregate, and the costs associated herewith shall be reported to the Board on a quarterly basis pursuant to Board Rule 5-10.2.

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 Specialized Services Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate these renewal agreements.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan), the Per Contract and Category Goals method for M/WBE participation will be utilized. Thus, contracts for subsequent vendors from the pool created by this contract will be subject to compliance reviews on a contract-by-contract basis. Aggregated compliance of the vendors in the pool will be reported on a monthly basis.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to:
 0966-220-481-2738-5320 - \$ 87,600.00
 0966-210-000-2790-5320 - \$ 34,000.00
 0966-220-481-2718-5320 - \$ 65,000.00
 0966-220-436-2685-5320 - \$ 2,496.00
 0966-220-481-2685-5320 - \$120,000.00
 0966-220-481-2794-5320 - \$ 4,500.00
 0966-210-000-1608-5320 - \$ 8,000.00
 0966-210-000-2760-5320 - \$ 1,490.00
 0966-210-000-2740-5320 - \$ 10,710.00
 0966-220-481-2772-5320 - \$ 35,000.00

Fiscal Years: 2004 - 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.

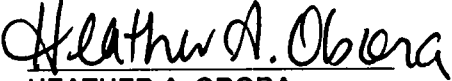
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board member during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

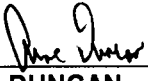
Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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

Attachment A – Vendors of Educational Supplies (Specification No. 01-250333)

VENDORS:

1. Ablenet, Inc.
1081 Tenth Avenue S. E.
Minneapolis, MN. 55414
(880) 322-0956
Contact: Tim Nacey
Vendor # 46635
Categories: 1, 2, 4 & 5
2. American Medical Sales, Inc., a division of American Discount Medical, Inc.
459 Main Street Suite # 101-417
Trussville, AL 35173
(800) 877-9100
Contact: Thomas Ruf
Vendor # 28258
Categories: 3 & 5
3. ABC School Supply, Inc. a division of Childcraft Education Corp.
2920 Old Tree Drive
Lancaster, PA 17603
(800) 669-4222
Contact: Dawn Peters
Vendor # 44010
Categories: 2, 3 & 5
4. Attainment Company, Inc.
504 Commerce Parkway
Verona, WI 53593-0160
(800) 327-4269
Contact: Brent Denu
Vendor # 18842 and #13811
Categories: 1, 2, 4 & 5
5. C.J.T. Enterprises, Inc.
2732 Juniper, Suite #1
San Ana, CA 92704
(714) 751-6295
Contact: Carrie McCormick
Vendor # 27355
Categories: 1 & 5
6. Don Johnston, Inc.
26799 W. Commerce Drive
Volo, IL 60073
(800) 999-4610
Contact: Bob Keller
Vendor # 42654
Categories: 1, 2, & 5
7. Earmold Designs, Inc.
3424 East Lake Street
Minneapolis, MN 55406
(612) 721-5711
Contact: Ronald Bloomgren
Vendor # 27360
Category: 4
8. Great Ideas for Teaching, Inc.
6800 Wrightsville Ave, Suite #16
Wilmington, NC 28403
(912) 256-4494
Contact: Jeannie Degaetano
Vendor # 15108
Categories: 2, 3 & 4
9. Harris Communications, Inc.
15155 Technology Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
(800) 825-6758
Contact: Robert I. Harris
Vendor # 15114
Category: 4
10. Harrison and Company
970 N. Oak Lawn Ave Suite 202
Elmhurst, IL 60126
(630) 782-6077
Contact: Mary Grace Harrison
Vendor # 20899
Category: 2 & 3
11. HITEC Group International, Inc.
8160 S. Madison Ave.
Burr Ridge, IL 60521
(800) 288-8303
Contact: Michelle Ahlman
Vendor # 16374
Categories: 4
12. Kaplan Early Learning Center
1310 Lewisville Clemmons Road
Lewisville, NC 27023-0609
(800) 334-2014
Contact: Luis Mejias
Vendor # 44622
Category: 3

13. Lakeshore Learning Materials
2695 E. Dominguez Street
Carson City, CA 90810
(800) 428-4414
Contact: Lisa Wells or Allison Donny
Vendor # 18171
Categories: 2, 3, 4 & 5
14. Light Speed Technologies
15812 SW Upper Boones Ferry Road
Lake Oswego, OR 97035
(800) 732-8999
Contact: Bruce Bebb
Vendor # 10644
Category: 4
15. Mayer-Johnson, Inc.
6650 Flanders
San Diego, CA 92075
(800) 588-4548
Contact: Nancy Clermont
Vendor # 19839
Categories: 1, 2 & 4
16. Oaktree Products, Inc.
716 Crown Industrial Court
Chesterfield, MO 63005
(800) 347-1960
Contact: Robert J. Kemp
Vendor # 35449
Category: 4
17. Palos Sports
11711 South Austin Avenue
Alsip, IL 60803
(708) 396-2555
Contact: Jack Dunne
Vendor # 44328
Categories: 3 & 5
18. PCI Educational Publishing
12029 Warfield
San Antonio, TX 78216
(800) 594-4263
Contact: Marisa Rodriguez
Vendor # 15527
Categories: 1 & 3
19. Phonic Ear, Inc
3880 Cypress Drive
Petaluma, CA 94954-8799
(800) 227-0735
Contact: Celia Milan Laico
Vendor # 15252
Category: 4
20. Pyramid Products, Inc.
5C Garfield Way
Newark, DE 19713
(302) 894-9155
Contact: Robin Selk
Vendor # 29952
Categories: 2 & 3
21. Sammons Preston, Inc.
4 Sammons Court
Bolingbrook, IL 60550-5071
(800) 323-5547
Contact: Regino Grippo
Vendor # 16470
Category: 1, 3, 4 & 5
22. Speech Bin, Inc.
1965 25th Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32960
(800) 4-SPEECH
Contact: Lesley Laplant
Vendor # 27894
Categories: 1 & 2
23. Sportime, division of School Spec.
One Sportime Way
Atlanta, GA 30340
(800) 850-8602
Contact: Lonna Dessman
Vendor # 48490
Category: 5
24. Super Duper Publications
600 Pelham Road, Suite A
Greenville, SC 29615
(800) 277-8737
Contact: Michaela Britt
Vendor: # 38509
Categories: 2, 3, 4 & 5
25. S & S Worldwide, Inc.
75 Millstreet
Colchester, CT 06415
(800) 243-9232
Contact: Adam Schwartz
Vendor # 13426
Categories: 3 & 5
26. TFH (USA) Ltd.
4537 Gibsonia Road
Gibsonia, PA 15044
(800) 467-0633
Contact: Kat Maxin
Vendor # 19997
Categories: 2, 3 & 4

27. Troxell Communications
500 E. Ogden Avenue, Suite 202
Naperville, IL 60563
(800) 578-8858
Contact: Martha Daley
Vendor # 22041
Categories: 1 & 3