

**AUTHORIZE TUITION PAYMENTS TO NATIONAL LOUIS UNIVERSITY
FOR AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize tuition payments to National Louis University for graduate level coursework offered from August 1, 2004 through June 30, 2006 for up to 50 CPS teacher-interns participating in the Alternative Route to Certification Program at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 for a two year period. The university was selected on a non-competitive basis because of its ability to certify teachers in multiple subject areas in a single cohort. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

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PAYMENT PERIOD: Payments are authorized for National Louis University courses provided between August 1, 2004 and June 30, 2006.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: National Louis University will provide a total of 22 graduate credit hours toward secondary certification (with an endorsement in either of math, science, or world language) to 50 CPS teacher-interns to fulfill the requirements for an Illinois Initial Teaching Certificate (Type 09). Teacher-interns who provide classroom instruction at an assigned Chicago Public School in program year 1 will hold a Type 39 while working toward an Illinois Provisional Alternative Teaching Certificate. Teacher-interns who have met the coursework requirements and passed the subject matter test prior to program year 2 will apply for, and be issued, an Illinois Provisional Alternative Teaching Certificate. In program year 2, teacher interns will pursue their Illinois Initial Teaching Certificate. Teacher-interns will be required to complete all coursework and certification requirements by June 30, 2006. Upon completing the program and receiving their certification, each participant will be required to work as a classroom teacher in Chicago Public Schools for a period of not less than three years, if such a position is offered to them. Participants who fail to fulfill these requirements will be required to repay a percentage of the tuition payments made by the Board on their behalf. The repayment amount will be determined by a pro rata formula developed by the Board's First Class Alternative Certification Program Office.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: 50 CPS teacher-interns will fulfill coursework requirements to receive an Illinois Initial Teaching Certificate in order to fill critical CPS teacher shortages.

COMPENSATION: The University will be compensated up to \$2,000 per teacher-intern, up to a maximum amount of \$100,000.00 over the two year payment period.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to section 3.7 for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan), this contract is exempt from review because the contract is for tuition.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Routes to Teaching: \$100,000.00
Fiscal Year: 2005
Budget Classification: 0710-239-821-1575-5560

Approved for Consideration:




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Chief Education Officer

Within Appropriation:


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Approved as to legal form:


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