

July 28, 2004

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO THE COUNCIL OF THE GREAT CITY SCHOOLS
FOR THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS' 2004-2005 MEMBERSHIP FEE**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve a payment to the Council of the Great City Schools for the cost of the Chicago Public Schools' annual membership in that organization for the 2004-2005 school year, in the amount of \$42,736. Continued membership is required and is effectuated by payment of the annual membership fee. Therefore, no written agreement is required for the payment of the annual membership fee. Pertinent information is stated below.

ORGANIZATION: **Council of the Great City Schools**
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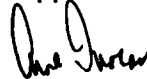
DESCRIPTION: The Council of the Great City Schools is a membership organization composed of 61 of the nation's largest urban public school systems. Its mission centers solely on the improvement of public schools for urban youth. The Council joins together urban school districts of unusually large size (cities with populations over 250,000 or student enrollments over 35,000) whose students come from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. The Council also serves as a focal point for information exchange, conferencing and networking among urban school districts with similar interests, concerns and challenges. The legislative advocacy efforts garnered the organization's membership some \$423.1 million in new Title I funds during the 2003-04 school year, \$83.4 million of which were the result of the Council's efforts to target resources more closely on urban communities, or an average gain of \$41.62 for every \$1 in membership dues. The Council is listed as one of the four most effective education groups in Washington, and is considered one of the 300 most powerful organizations on Capitol Hill in any field.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) this contract is exempt from review because this is a unique transaction.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to City-Wide Education Services: \$42,736 Fiscal Year: 2005
Budget Classification: 0950-210-000-1005-5420 Source of Funds: Education Fund, 210

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 



Ruth M. Moscovitch
General Counsel