

**RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH CORETTA L. MCFERREN
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify an agreement with Coretta McFerren to provide consulting services to Local School Council Relations at a cost not to exceed \$63,500. These services were obtained without prior Board approval. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because Consultant has extensive experience in working with parents and parent groups and has been a family advocate in Chicago's schools. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. The Consultant has been paid the sum of \$10,533.40. No further payments shall be made to consultant prior to execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification No.: 04-250136

CONSULTANT: Coretta L McFerren
319 East 165th Place
South Holland, IL 60473
Vendor #84373

USER: Local School Council Relations
125 S. Clark St., 5th fl.
Chicago, Illinois 60603
James Deanes
(773) 553-1400

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on July 1, 2004, and shall end June 30, 2005. This agreement shall have one option to renew for a period of one year.

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

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultant shall provide assistance in preparation of programs and conferences related to No Child Left Behind (NCLB) activities; coordinate Parent/Family Education Training Programs; assist in the coordination of information and resources between the federal, state, and local agencies; act as a NCLB Community Representative; and connect with community organizations.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall provide monthly written activity reports detailing services provided to the Officer of Local School Council Relations.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services shall result in an increase of knowledge and understanding of NCLB state and federal policies for CPS departments, schools, LSCs and PACs; increase parents' knowledge and understanding of academic standards; establish system-wide network for schools and families; increase access to resources and support systems for schools and families; establish sustainability of all programs and systems in every NCLB/Title I school; increase literacy at all age levels; and creation of a school Parent Involvement Policy.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid as follows: Equal monthly installment of \$5291.66 not to exceed the sum of \$63,500.00.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize Officer of Local School Council Relations to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: This contract is in full compliance with the goals required by the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) because the prime is an independent consultant (100% African American).

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to the Office of Local School Council Relations: \$63,500.00 Fiscal Year: 2005
Budget Classification: 0130-210-000-8010-5410 Source of Funds: General Education Funds

Requisition Number: [#]

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.

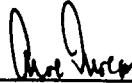
Contingent Liability - The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 


Ruth M. Moscovitch
General Counsel