

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LEARNING POINT ASSOCIATES
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Learning Point Associates to provide consulting services to the Office of Standards-Based Instruction at a cost not to exceed \$85,000. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of its expertise and reputation in providing quality evaluation services. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Consultant prior to the execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

CONSULTANT: Learning Point Associates
1120 East Diehl Road, Suite 200
Naperville, IL 60563-1486
(630) 649-6500
Contact: Larry Friedman
Vendor # 33897

USER: Office of Professional Development/GOLDEN
Medill
1326 West 14th Place
Contact: Amanda Rivera, Director, GOLDEN
Phone: (773) 553-6054

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on December 1, 2004 and shall end November 30, 2005. This agreement shall have two options to renew for an additional one-year period each. The cost for each option shall not exceed \$100,000.

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

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Learning Point Associates will collect and analyze data related to the efficacy of the Connecting America's History Program. Learning Point Associates staff will create a student and teacher test of American history knowledge, administer teacher surveys, and analyze available data to determine program efficacy. The tests and survey will be the property of CPS. Data will be gathered from participating teachers and their students as well as a corresponding control group of teachers and students.

DELIVERABLES: Consultant will perform the tasks outlined in the scope of services. The work of the Learning Point Associates evaluation staff will result in the following:

- A student test of American History knowledge
- A teacher test of American History knowledge
- An evaluation report at the end of the project year
- An evaluation report at the end of the three-year project cycle

OUTCOMES: The evaluation of the Connecting to American History Program staff will enable the district to quantify teacher and student knowledge of American History. The work will also demonstrate program efficacy and identify necessary program modifications.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid upon receipt of invoice voucher as follows: In quarterly installments, not to exceed the sum of \$85,000.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None

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 the Chief Education Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The participation goal provisions of the of the Plan do not apply to transactions where the vendor is -not for profit organization.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Professional Development: \$85,000 Fiscal Year: 2005
Budget Classification: 0300-251-279-8984-5410 Source of Funds:
(0300-251-279-8984-5990)
Requisition Number: Teaching American History

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.

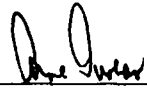
Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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).

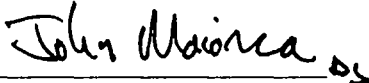
Approved for Consideration:


Barbara Eason-Watkins, Ed.D.
Chief Education Officer

Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 


Ruth M. Moscovitch
General Counsel