

**AUTHORIZE TUITION PAYMENTS TO ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY FOR AN ALTERNATIVE
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR SECONDARY SCIENCE TEACHERS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize tuition payments to Illinois State University (ISU) to provide graduate level coursework for an alternative certification program for Secondary Science teachers at a cost not to exceed \$112,000.00. ISU was selected due to its strong program design and the potential to receive significant funding from the federal government which would offset the Board's expenses should the funds be awarded. No written agreement is required for tuition payments. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

Specification Number: 04-250186

VENDOR: Illinois State University
College of Education-5300
Normal, IL 61790-5300
Contact: Dr. Dianne Ashby, Dean
(309) 438-5415
Vendor #: 23150

USER: Chicago Public Schools
Department of Human Resources
First Class Alternative Certification Program
125 South Clark Street, 2nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Contact: Toni Hill
773-553-1137

AUTHORIZATION PERIOD: These tuition payments are authorized for the period commencing January 1, 2005 and ending May 31, 2006.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: 60 days notice by either party.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: ISU will offer approximately 8 graduate level courses to a maximum of 25 CPS teacher-interns in order to fulfill the requirements for Initial Certification in Secondary Science. Teacher-interns will be required to complete all program coursework and other certification requirements within a 17-month period. The teacher-interns will be selected by both CPS and ISU. Holding a Provisional Alternative Teaching Certificate, teacher-interns will provide classroom instruction in a CPS school approved by the First Class Program while working to complete the requirements for their Initial Certificate in Secondary Science.

DELIVERABLES: ISU will offer a core curriculum restricted to program participants and participants affiliated with the program (i.e. mentors) consisting of 8 graduate courses for a total of 28 semester hours.

OUTCOMES: A maximum of 25 CPS teacher-interns will fulfill course requirements to receive an Illinois Initial Teaching Certificate in Secondary Science. In turn, the teacher-interns will fill critical CPS teacher shortages in the area of Secondary Science.

COMPENSATION: ISU will be compensated on a per teacher-intern basis at the rate of \$4,480.00 per teacher-intern at a total cost not to exceed \$112,000.00. Each teacher-intern will be required to reimburse the Board, through payroll deduction, the sum of \$2,480.00 for a total reimbursement of \$62,000. As such, the net cost to the Board is \$50,000.00. Each teacher-intern shall sign an agreement that commits him/her to work in an appropriate CPS teaching position for a period of not less than three years after completing the Program and obtaining their certification, if such positions are offered to them. Participants who fail to fulfill these requirements will be required to repay the Board in full for tuition payments made on their behalf under the Program. The repayment amount will be established by a *pro rata* formula developed by the Board's Alternative Certification Program Manager. From January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005, tuition payments to ISU shall not exceed \$48,000.00. It is anticipated that tuition payments from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 shall not exceed \$64,000.00.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the Chief Human Resources Officer to direct tuition payments to ISU as necessary.

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

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

FINANCIAL:	Total Charge to Department of Human Resources:	\$112,000.00
	2005 Fiscal Year Charge:	\$ 48,000.00
	2006 Fiscal Year Charge:	\$ 64,000.00
	Budget Classification:	0710-253-132-1575-5560

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.

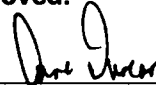
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



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

Approved:



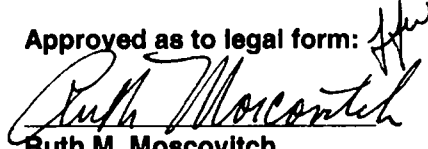
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Malorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Ruth M. Moscovitch
General Counsel