

APPROVE EXERCISING OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH BLACKWELL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SERVICES**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve exercising option to renew the agreement with Blackwell Consulting Services for the purchase of computer and equipment maintenance services to the Office of Technology Services ("OTS") at a cost not to exceed \$1,760,000.00. A written renewal agreement is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Blackwell Consulting Services prior to the execution of the written renewal agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within ninety (90) days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this renewal agreement is stated below

SPECIFICATION No.: 04-250170

VENDOR: Blackwell Consulting Services
100 South Wacker Drive, Ste. 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Contact: Robert Blackwell Sr.
Telephone No.: (312) 553-0730
Vendor No.: 20588

USERS: Office of Technology Services
125 South Clark Street, 3rd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Contact: Robert W. Runcie, Chief Information Officer
Anthony L. McPhearson, LAN Services, Director
Telephone No.: (773) 553-1300

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original agreement (authorized by Board Report No. 04-0922-PR11) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 is for a term commencing October 1, 2004 and ending September 30, 2005 with the Board having one (1) year option to renew. Blackwell Consulting Services was selected on a non-competitive basis because of its overall knowledge and history with the Board's Local Area Network eMessaging Team.

OPTION PERIOD: The term of the agreement is being renewed for a period commencing October 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There are no option periods remaining.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Blackwell Consulting Services will continue to provide computer, consulting, and network support services as well as equipment maintenance as pertaining to the Chicago Public Schools electronic messaging and directory services environment. All services will be provided through skilled resources performing network administration, management, support, and problem identification and problem resolution for all associated systems as defined by the Chicago Public Schools.

DELIVERABLES: Blackwell Consulting Services will continue to perform the tasks outlined in the scope of services and will submit weekly status reports to the Chicago Public Schools LAN Services Director.

OUTCOMES: Blackwell's services will ensure that resources remain current with emerging technologies, and will lead in the design and implementation of new technologies, features, services, and initiatives as directed by the Board.

COMPENSATION: Blackwell shall be paid in accordance with a pricing schedule contained in the written renewal agreement: total compensation not to exceed \$1,760,000.00.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written renewal agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the renewal agreement. Authorize the Chief Information Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this renewal agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The M/WBE goals for this contract include: 35% total MBE, 22% total African American, 10% Hispanic, 2% total Asian and 5% total WBE.

However, the Waiver Review Committee recommends that a partial waiver of the M/WBE participation goals for this contract as required by the Revised Plan be granted because the Contract scope is not further divisible.

The vendor has, however identified and scheduled the following firms and percentages.

Total MBE 100%:

Total 95% African American:

Blackwell Consulting Services
100 S. Wacker Drive, ste.800
Chicago, Illinois. 60606

\$1,672,000.00 / 95%
Certified until July 1, 2006

Total 5% WBE:

B2B Strategic Solutions, Inc.
35 E. Wacker Drive suite 3450
Chicago, Illinois 60601

\$ 88,000.00 / 5%
Certified until 12/1/05

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to the Office of Technology Services: \$1,760,000.00
Budget Classification: 0220-552-000-1110-5410 \$1,760,000.00 FY 06

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.

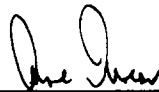
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:




Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:

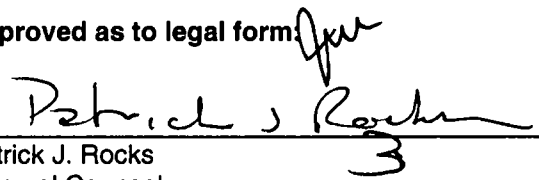


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel