

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE SECOND OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT  
WITH BRIDGES.COM**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve exercising the second option to renew the agreement with Bridges.com for Choices Planner to be used by the Office of High School Programs Departments of Postsecondary Education and Education To Careers at a cost for the option period not to exceed \$95,500.00. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Software Licensor during the option period prior to the execution of the written document. 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 option is stated below.

**Software Licensor:**

Bridges.com  
33637 B Hwy. 97N  
Oroville, WA 98844  
800-281-1168  
Diane Grantham, President  
Vendor#: 22470

**USER:**

Office of High School Programs  
Department of Education To Careers  
Department of Postsecondary Education  
125 South Clark Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Jill Wine-Banks, Officer  
773-553-2460  
Greg Darnieder, Director  
773-553-2108

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report # 04-0623-PR30) in the amount of \$95,000.00 is for a term commencing July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005, with the Board having three option(s) to renew for 1 year term(s) at a cost not to exceed \$85,000 annually. The first option to renew (authorized by the Board Report #05-0824-PR13) in the amount of \$85,500.00 was exercised for the term commencing July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006. The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis because this software program meets the required specifications to offer postsecondary, occupation and planning resource services that guides students to develop an electronic portfolio to plan their education and career path.

**OPTION PERIOD:** The term of this agreement is being extended for 1 year commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:** There is 1 option period remaining.

**USE OF SOFTWARE:** Software will continue to assist all CPS 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in exploring educational and career opportunities. The software includes an electronic portfolio component so each student will be able to develop an individualized career and education plan. The software will allow CPS to collect data from the student activities with the software to report such things as what careers students are interested in, what colleges they are researching and what items they have completed in their portfolio.

**DELIVERABLES:** The software licensor will continue to provide all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students access to Choices Explorer and Choices Planner for all students in grades 9 through 12. Student accountability data will be provided in the format requested by the Board. Bridges will provide 4 days of staff development training in FY'06. In addition to the original software licenses and maintenance, software licensor shall provide additional staff training sessions if requested by the Board.

**OUTCOMES:** Every 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade CPS student will be provided with the tools to develop an individualized career and education plan that will guide them in their decision-making regarding their postsecondary plans.

**COMPENSATION:** Software Licensor shall be paid during this option period as follows: a license fee of \$85,500 payable in one lump sum. The maintenance fee for the option period is included in the license fee. In addition, software licensor shall be paid the rates specified in the option document for additional staff training sessions as may be requested by the Board, not to exceed \$10,000. Total compensation payable during this option period shall not exceed \$95,500.

**AUTHORIZATION:** Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written option document. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the option document. Authorize the Officer of Education To Careers and the Director of Postsecondary Education to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** The M/WBE goals for the contract include 35% total MBE and 5% total WBE.

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

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

<b>FINANCIAL:</b>	Charge to Department of Education To Careers \$47,750.00	Fiscal Year: 2006-2007
	Budget Classification: 0410-269-055-2875-5311	Source of Funds: Grant
	(0950-269-055-2875-5940)	
	Charge to Postsecondary Education \$47,750.00	Fiscal Year: 2006-2007
	Budget Classification: 0470-210-000-1720-5311	Source of Funds: Local

**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 member during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), 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:



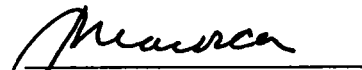
Heather A. Obora  
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



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