

August 23, 2006

**RATIFY EXERCISING THE FIRST OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH HARCOURT ASSESSMENT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEST MATERIALS AND RELATED SERVICES****THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Ratify exercising the first option to renew the agreement with Harcourt Assessment, Inc. for the purchase of test materials and related services for the Office of Instructional Design and Assessment at a cost not to exceed \$1,500,000.00. Vendor was selected on a non-competitive basis based on their previous history of working with the Chicago Public Schools and their ability to deliver a formative classroom assessment system. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No goods or services may be ordered or received and no payment shall be made to Vendor prior to the execution of the written document. 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.

**VENDOR:** Harcourt Assessment, Inc.  
19500 Bulverde Road  
San Antonio, TX 78259  
Telephone No. (773) 928-6181  
Contact: Sheryl Campbell  
Vendor # 16730

**USER:** Office of Instructional Design and Assessment  
125 South Clark Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Xavier Botana (773) 553-2324

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original agreement (authorized by Board Report 05-0928-PR21) in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 is for a term commencing September 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, with the Board having three options to renew for one year terms.

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

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:** There are two option periods for one year each remaining.

**DELIVERABLES:** Vendor shall continue to deliver their Stanford Learning First Formative Classroom Assessment System in reading (ClassVIEWS) test materials for grades 3, 6 and 8. In addition, during this option period Vendor will provide test materials for grades 4, 5 and 7. Delivery includes test books, answer sheets, custom reporting services, Pre-ID labels, and Pregridding. Vendor will provide at no additional cost district profile summary reports for both tests and presentation packets. Area instructional officers will receive area specific district profile summary reports and PDF versions of school profile summary reports. Vendor will also provide psychometric services including development of a third form of the test and equating and prediction studies.

**OUTCOMES:** The Stanford Learning First System, which is aligned to the standards measured by the Illinois Standards Achievement Test, will provide teachers and administrators with insights and tools to rapidly evaluate and guide classroom instruction over the course of a school year. The summative assessment component will provide benchmarks of student achievement so that administrators and teachers can target students who need intervention and additional resources.

**COMPENSATION:** Vendor will be paid as detailed in the Vendor's agreement, total compensation not to exceed \$1,500,000.00.

**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 agreement. Authorize the Chief of the Office of Instructional Design and Assessment 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). The M/WBE participation goals for the contract include: 15% total MBE and 5% total WBE.

The vendor has identified and scheduled the following firms and percentages:

Total MBE – 15%

Creative Printing Services (AA)  
1701 Birchwood Avenue  
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018

certified through 02/28/2007

Total WBE – 5%

Techni-Forms, Inc.  
601 Airport Blvd.  
Doylestown, PA. 18901

certified through 11/11/2006

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

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to: Research, Evaluation & Accountability: \$1,500,000.00 Fiscal Year: 2007  
Budget Classification: 0920-210-000-1028-5310 Source of Funds: 210 General Ed. Fund

**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 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 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:



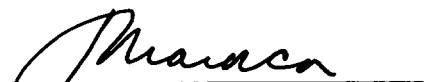
Heather Obora  
Chief Purchasing Officer

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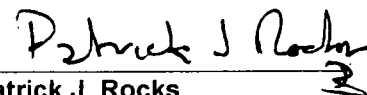


Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

  
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Approved as to legal form: 

  
Patrick J. Rocks  
General Counsel