

**RATIFY ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES (NATIONAL TEACHER'S ACADEMY)**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify entering into an agreement with the University of Illinois at Chicago ("Consultant" or "UIC") to provide professional development consulting services to National Teacher's Academy ("NTA"), a professional development school, at a cost not to exceed \$535,000. These services were obtained without prior Board approval. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because Consultant has been serving as a professional development resource for the Chicago Public Schools at NTA since 2004. This agreement builds on that relationship and enables the Consultant to continue the partnership with NTA. 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: University of Illinois at Chicago
College of Education
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Chicago, IL 60607
(312) 996-5641
Vendor # 32571

USER: Office of New Schools
125 South Clark Street, 5th Floor
Contact: Beatriz Rendon, Executive Director
Phone: (773) 553-1530

TERM: *The term of this agreement shall commence on July 1, 2006 and end on June 30, 2007. This agreement shall have no options to renew.*

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

SCOPE OF SERVICES: UIC will provide professional development services to NTA, with the goal of improving teacher preparation and professional development at the school, within the CPS professional development school network, as well as positioning the school to serve as a system-wide resource for the district. UIC will work hand in hand with the NTA leadership, lead literacy teachers and teacher leaders to develop, facilitate, and evaluate professional development meetings, trainings, and activities, with UIC serving as a critical resource in this planning. UIC, in partnership with the leadership of the school, will be responsible for designing, implementing, and evaluating all professional development activities as part of the NTA/UIC partnership.

DELIVERABLES: UIC will deliver a top-quality professional development program at NTA, which includes:

- Rigorous instructional training for pre-service, new, and experienced teachers
- Innovative approaches to instructional practice as a resource to NTA and the entire system
- Creative strategies, incentives, and supports to attract and retain certified, highly-qualified, experienced, and award-winning educators at NTA, and at high-need schools throughout the district
- An evaluation of the effectiveness of the integration of professional development into curricula and instruction, ultimately increasing instructional capacity at NTA
- A mechanism and infrastructure to facilitate sharing of best practices and innovations

UIC will also serve as a system-wide resource for the Chicago Public Schools around National Board Certification, the Chicago Area Writing Project, community schools and as a model for professional learning communities. Through their work at NTA, UIC will also develop an on-line lesson plan archive and video productions, both of which will serve as resources for NTA and the broader CPS community.

OUTCOMES: UIC's professional development services shall result in high quality teacher preparation and development programs that will serve as a model for other schools as well as serving a significant number of CPS teachers. In addition, UIC's extensive professional development support and work with the NTA leadership and staff shall result in increases in the academic performance levels of NTA students, as measured by ISAT reading, math, and science scores.

COMPENSATION: As specified in the written agreement, the Board shall pay UIC a sum not to exceed \$535,000.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions, including any indemnities to be provided to the Consultant, 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: Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) this contract is exempt from review because the vendor is a public university.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to National Teacher's Academy: \$535,000 Fiscal Year: FY 2006 - 2007
Budget Classification: 32031 353 54125 221307 494017 Source of Funds: Title II, 353
Requisition Number: [#]

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 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

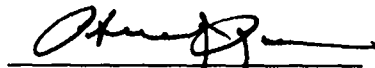
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel