

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT  
WITH PACIFIC INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH AND EVALUATION (PIRE) FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

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

Approve entering into an agreement with PIRE to provide consulting services to the Office of Specialized Services at a cost not to exceed \$115,000.00. PIRE previously provided these services under the CPOR procurement process. A written agreement for PIRE services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to PIRE 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 renewal is stated below.

**CONSULTANT:** Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE)  
11710 Beltsville Drive, Suite 300  
Calverton, MD 20705  
Contact: Dr. Chris Ringwalt  
Phone: 919 265-2613 Fax: 919 265-2659  
Vendor # 37730

**USER:** Office of Specialized Services  
Safe and Drug Free Schools & Communities  
125 South Clark, 8<sup>th</sup> floor  
Chicago, IL 60603  
Contact: Dr. Renee Grant-Mitchell  
Phone: 773 553-1800

**TERM:** The term of this agreement shall commence on December 1, 2006 and shall end on November 30, 2008. This agreement shall have two (2) options to renew for periods of twelve (12) months each. The cost of each option period shall be negotiated prior to the start of such option period and shall be determined by the amount awarded in grant.

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

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** The Avenues for Success II Program (Program), is a family service delivery model based upon Project SUCCESS. This Program is being funded under a grant from the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE) and is being conducted with no fewer than 400 at-risk students -- approximately 100 students from each of four CPS high schools: Kelly, Manley, Tilden, and Prologue. The USDOE requires the Board to use an independent consultant to evaluate the success of the Program and PIRE is providing these services. PIRE shall conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the Program focusing on process and outcomes, and utilizing both qualitative and quantitative methods. PIRE shall work with SGA Youth and Family Services, Northeastern Illinois University, and the four participating high schools to gather the data required for the evaluation.

**DELIVERABLES:** PIRE shall collect data on all Program services provided by Northeastern Illinois University and SGA Youth and Family Services for each student participant. PIRE also shall collect pre- and post-data on attendance, grades and disciplinary acts in the schools for these students. Each year of the grant, PIRE shall prepare and submit to the Board's designee a written end-of-year Program evaluation based on process and outcomes. The agreement with PIRE shall detail the format and substance of these reports and the delivery schedules. PIRE also shall submit monthly progress reports to the Board's designee. All deliverables are subject to the approval and acceptance by the Board's designee.

**OUTCOMES:** Services provided by PIRE shall fulfill the USDOE grant requirement for yearly independent Program evaluations. In addition, the written Program evaluations shall give the Board the information it needs to determine whether the Program was successfully implemented. This information includes the following: (1) the percentage of students who demonstrate a decrease in binge drinking; (2) the percentage of students who show an increase in the belief that alcohol abuse is harmful to their health; (3) the percentage of students who show an increase in the belief that alcohol abuse is harmful to their health, and; (4) the effect of the Program on school-based performance indicators, including grades, attendance, and disciplinary infractions.

**COMPENSATION:** PIRE shall be paid an amount not to exceed the sum of \$115,000.00 in the aggregate for the 2-year term. Payments for the first year shall not exceed \$75,000 and payments for the second year shall not exceed \$40,000. Payments to PIRE shall be made as detailed in the agreement.

**REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:** None

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

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

However, 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 university.

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

<b>FINANCIAL:</b> Charge to: Office of Specialized Services:	\$115,000.00
Fiscal Year: 2007/2008	\$75,000.00
Fiscal Year: 2007/2008	\$40,000.00

Budget Classification: 0965-258-632-8984-5410  
Source of Funds: Misc. Federal/State  
**Requisition Number: pending**

**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.

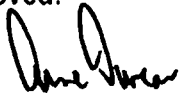
Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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: 

  
Patrick J. Rocks  
General Counsel