

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS FOR THE PURCHASE OF DISTRICT-SUPPORTED READING TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS AND SERVICES****THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve entering into agreements with various vendors for the purchase of reading textbooks and supporting materials and services for schools that enroll in the Supported Literacy Initiative at a cost not to exceed \$45,000,000 in the aggregate. Vendors were selected pursuant to a Proposal Offering at the conclusion of vendors' participation in the Publishers' Partnership, a two-year evaluation study conducted by the Office of Literacy and the Office of Research, Evaluation, and Accountability. These agreements build on that two-year pilot and enable Chicago Public Schools to scale up to offer fully supported reading programs to elementary schools across the District. No goods or services may be ordered or received and no payment shall be made to any Vendor prior to the execution of their written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each Vendor in the event a written agreement is not executed by such Vendor within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to these agreements is stated below.

- VENDORS:**
- 1) Harcourt, Inc.  
6277 Sea Harbor Drive  
Orlando, FL 32887  
800-787-8707 x5123  
Debra LaCour  
Vendor # 13048
  - 2) McGraw Hill Companies  
860 Taylor Station Road  
Blacklick, OH 43004  
614-559-8425  
Larry Prusz  
Vendor # 12230
  - 3) Pearson Education, Inc.  
145 South Mt. Zion Road  
Lebonon, IN 46052  
800-535-4391  
Deborah Lehman  
Vendor # 35872

**USERS:** Schools and Departments of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago Public Schools, including: Chief Education Office, Office of Instructional Design & Assessment, and Office of Literacy:  
125 South Clark Street; Chicago, IL 60603  
Contact: Xavier Botana (773-553-2363)

**TERM:** The term of each agreement shall commence on February 1, 2007 and shall end January 31, 2010. Each agreement shall have two options to renew for periods of twenty-four [24] months each.

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

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:** Vendors shall provide materials to supply Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade sections at the elementary schools participating in the Supported Literacy Initiative. Each class in a participating school will receive a supply of basal readers and supporting materials and services. The full packages to support the basal reading textbook will include, but are not limited to: K-5 Basal Reading Textbook and Activity Books, Teachers' Guides, Assessment Systems, Scope and Sequence and Instructional Pacing Guides, Record Keeping Tools, and Parent Materials and Resources.

All supporting materials will be aligned to Illinois State Learning Standards and Assessments as well as Chicago Public Schools Reading Instruction Framework and Literacy Assessments. Vendors will partner closely with Chicago Public Schools in the design of aligned materials supporting this textbook program.

Vendors will also provide the necessary support and training to school users to build the capacity and ensure fidelity and successful implementation of selected basal programs.

**OUTCOMES:** The textbooks and associated reading materials will help to ensure consistency across elementary school literacy instruction by providing core curriculum aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards.

**COMPENSATION:** Vendors shall be paid in accordance with the prices and deliverables contained in their respective agreements; not to exceed the sum of \$45,000,000 in the aggregate.

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

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan), the Per Contract and Category Goals method for M/WBE participation will be utilized. Thus, contracts for subsequent vendors from the pool created by this contract will be subject to compliance reviews on a contract-by-contract basis. Aggregated compliance of the vendors in the pool will be reported on a monthly basis.

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

<b>FINANCIAL:</b> Charge to: various schools and Central Office Departments	Fiscal Years: 2008
Budget Classification: various	2009
Sources to be determined during District Budget Process	2010

**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.

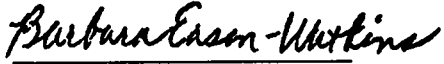
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their 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:



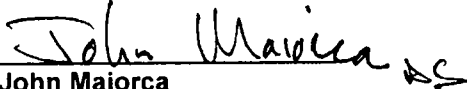
Barbara Eason-Watkins  
Chief Education Officer *HW*

Approved:



Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form. *PM*



Patrick J. Rocks  
General Counsel