

APPROVE EXERCISING THE SECOND 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:

Approve exercising the second option to renew the agreement with Harcourt Assessment, Inc. (Harcourt) for the purchase of test materials and related services for the Office of Instructional Design and Assessment at a cost for the option period not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 in the aggregate. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Harcourt during this 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.

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, 5th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
Xavier Botana (773) 553-2363

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original agreement (authorized by Board Report 05-0928-PR 21) 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 (3) options to renew the agreement for additional one-year periods. The agreement was renewed in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for a term commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 (authorized by Board Report 06-0823-PR17). The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis based on Harcourt's previous history of working with the Chicago Public Schools and Harcourt's ability to deliver a formative classroom assessment system.

OPTION PERIOD: The term of the agreement is being extended for one additional year commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There is one option period remaining for a period of one year.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Harcourt shall continue to provide services related to the Stanford Learning First Formative Classroom Assessment System.

DELIVERABLES: Harcourt shall continue to deliver their Stanford Learning First Formative Classroom Assessment System in reading (ClassVIEWS) test materials for grades 3- 8. Delivery includes test books, answer sheets, custom reporting services, Pre-ID labels, and Pregridding. Harcourt shall continue to provide, at no additional cost, district profile summary reports for both tests and presentation packets. Area Instructional Officers shall continue to receive area specific district profile summary reports and PDF versions of school profile summary reports. Harcourt shall also continue to provide psychometric services including equating and prediction studies.

OUTCOMES: The Stanford Learning First System, which is aligned to the standards measured by the Illinois Standards Achievement Test, shall 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 shall provide benchmarks of student achievement so that administrators and teachers can target students who need intervention and additional resources.

COMPENSATION: Harcourt shall be paid during this option period as specified in the renewal agreement. Total compensation during this option period shall not exceed \$1,500,000.00.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in this renewal agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute this renewal agreement. Authorize Chief of the Office of Instructional Design and Assessment to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this renewal agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: This option agreement 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.

Harcourt has identified and scheduled the following firms and percentages:

Total MBE – 15%

Creative Printing Services (AA)
1701 Birchwood Avenue
Des Plaines, Illinois 60018
Contact: Darrel McNeal certified through 02/28/2008

Total WBE – 5%

Techni-Forms, Inc.
601 Airport Blvd.
Doylestown, PA. 18901
Contact: Patricia Gorton certified through 11/11/2007

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Research, Evaluation, and Accountability: \$1,500,000.00 Fiscal Year: 2008
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 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.

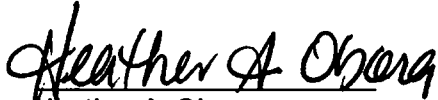
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board member during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

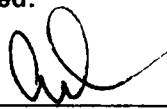
Ethics – The Board’s Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

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

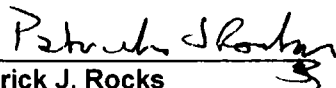
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel