RATIFY ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS PROVIDERS FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM SERVICES

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify entering into agreements with various providers to provide Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP) Services to the Office of High Schools and High School Programs at a cost not to exceed $4,177,200.00 in the aggregate. The Board previously entered into agreements with Aspira, Inc., Banner Schools, and Pathways in Education-Illinois for LINC services ("LINC Agreements") for a term commencing upon execution of their agreement and ending August 30, 2008 (authorized by Board Report 06-0726-PR21). The LINC Agreement with each of these three Providers shall terminate upon execution of such Provider's agreement to provide ALOP services. Providers were selected on a competitive basis for the original LINC services; therefore another competitive process is not necessary to provide ALOP services. Written agreements for each Provider's services are currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to any Provider prior to the execution of such Provider's written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each Provider in the event a written agreement is not executed by such Provider within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to these agreements is stated below.

PROVIDERS:

1. Aspira, Inc.
   2415 N. Milwaukee Ave
   Chicago, Illinois 60647
   773-252-0970
   Contact Name: Jose E. Rodriguez
   Vendor # 46955

2. Banner Schools
   5100 S. Cornell #904
   Chicago, Illinois 60615
   773-934-2328
   Contact Name: Eric A. Carlton
   Vendor # 20029

3. Pathways in Education –Illinois
   1351 Foothill Blvd.
   La Canada, California 91011
   818-952-5077
   Contact Name: Jamie Hall
   Vendor # 18327

4. Prologue Inc.
   640 W. Irving Park Road
   Chicago, Illinois 60613
   773-935-9925
   Contact Name: Nancy Jackson
   Vendor # 24429

USER: Office of High Schools and High School Programs
125 S. Clark, 12th floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Mr. David Gilligan
773-553-2147

TERM: The term of each agreement shall commence on September 4, 2007 and shall end on August 30, 2008. Each agreement shall have two (2) options to renew for periods of one (1) year each.

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

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Providers shall provide the following ALOP services pursuant to Section 13B of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/13B-1 *et seq.*): High quality alternative educational program services for high school students age 17 years and older who have had significant leaves of absence from school or have been involved with the juvenile justice system and have few, if any, high school credits. The programs shall be designed to prepare students for graduation from high school and provide a post-secondary path.

DELIVERABLES: Providers shall:
- Provide programs with adequate and appropriate equipment and supplies.
- Administer academic progress and other assessments as described by the Board, in the Board's sole discretion (Board will provide test booklets, training and scoring for mandated state and local tests.)
- Provide areas in school conducive to learning separate from the lunch and other activity rooms.
- Provide sufficient staff (teacher aides, security and etc.) to effectively manage, support and educate students consistent with their needs.
- Provide programs with a special component dedicated to truancy with attempts to increase attendance of students and decrease truancy problems.
- Provide and administer mutually agreed upon assessments of progress in reading and mathematics at the end of school year for all students to assess individual student progress.
- Provide to Office of High Schools and High School Programs semester transcripts for each student enrolled in the ALOP schools.
- Provide daily attendance reports to Office of High Schools and High Programs' staff.
- Provide list of high school graduates to Office of High Schools and High School Programs at the end of each school year.
- Provide copies of individual student success plans to Office of High Schools and High School Programs.

OUTCOMES: Providers will ensure that:
- Students make a minimum of six months growth on standardized achievement tests.
- Student attendance rate is 80%.
- Students earn a minimum of 6 credits per academic year.
- Students have a post-secondary plan upon graduation.
- Students are provided the curricular and credit opportunity to earn a high school diploma.

COMPENSATION: Each Provider will be allocated a certain number of seats and will be paid a negotiated rate for these seats, not to exceed the sum of $4,177,200.00 in the aggregate for all Providers. Each agreement will contain a clause that the Board may increase or decrease the number of seats by giving the Provider thirty (30) days written notice.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) in Goods and Services, a determination will be made as to when transactions should be excluded from contract specific M/WBE goals. It has been determined that the participation goal provisions of the Program do not apply to transactions where the pool of provides includes Not-For-Profit organizations.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.
FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of High Schools and High School Programs $4,177,200.00
Fiscal Year: 2007
Budget Classification: 66301-115-113006-000000-objects
66301-225-119020-000703-objects

Source of Funds: General Education 210
State Chapter I 234

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:

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