

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE FIRST OPTION TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT
WITH CHRISTY WEBBER & COMPANY FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR
REGION 4, REGION 5 AND REGION 6**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the first option to extend the agreement with Christy Webber & Company to provide landscape maintenance services for Region 4, Region 5 and Region 6 to Chicago Public Schools at a cost for the option period not to exceed \$1,445,553.25. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Vendor during the 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: Christy Webber & Company
2900 W. Ferdinand
Chicago, IL 60612
(773) 533-0477
Vendor # 29091

USER: Department of Operations
125 S. Clark-17th Floor
Chicago, IL 60603
David Allen
(773) 553-2049

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 07-0425-PR6), as amended (authorized by Board Report 07-0523-PR2) in the amount of \$1,396,873.77 is for a term commencing May 1, 2007 and ending April 30, 2008, with the Board having two options to renew for 12 months each. The original agreement was awarded on a competitive basis pursuant to duly advertised Bid Solicitation (Specification #06-250064).

OPTION PERIOD: The term of this agreement is being extended for 1 year commencing May 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009.

OPTION PERIODS REMAINING: There is one option period for 12 months remaining.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: During the extension period, Vendor shall provide landscape maintenance services at those Schools which have been identified in the Bid Solicitation (Specification No.:06-250064) for Region 4, Region 5 and Region 6, with the goal of practical maintenance and maximum enhancement of the esthetic and functional aspects of the landscaping for Region 4, Region 5 and Region 6. Services shall include, but are not limited to, cutting grass (approximately 20 cuttings per year), pruning trees and shrubs, cultivating beds, fertilizing and weed and insect control as needed.

OUTCOMES: Vendor's services will result in the enhancement and beautification of various school sites.

COMPENSATION: During the extension period, Vendor shall be paid in accordance with the unit pricing in the contract not to exceed the sum of \$278,557.29 for Region 4 and \$399,701.89 for Region 5 and \$767,294.07 for Region 6, total not to exceed \$1,445,553.25.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: This contract is in full compliance with the goals required by the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services contracts. The M/WBE participation goals for the contract include: 26% total MBE and 5% total WBE.

The vendor has identified and scheduled the following firms and percentages:

Total MBE – 26%

Renault Robinson Staffing
6 East Monroe Street, Suite 1301
Chicago, IL 60603
Contact: Renault Robinson certified through 11/01/2008

O'Wallace Landscaping
9329 South Loomis Street
Chicago, IL 60620
Contact: Bennie Payne certified through 10/01/2008

AB Sanchez Landscaping
2814 East Hintz Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
Contact: Atanacio Sanchez certified through 11/01/2008

Chicago United Industries, Ltd.
53 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604
Contact: George Loera certified through 02/01/2009

Total WBE – 74%

Christy Webber & Company
2900 West Ferdinand
Chicago, IL 60612
Contact: Bernie Carranza certified through 08/01/2008

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Operations: \$1,445,553.10 Fiscal Year: FY08-09
Budget Classification: 12150-478-54105-009567-000000-2008
Source of Funds: Operations and Maintenance

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.

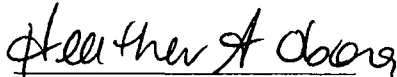
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board member during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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



Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel