

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE FIRST OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT
WITH SCHOOLWORKS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the first option to renew the agreement with SchoolWorks to provide Consulting Services to the Office of New Schools at a cost for the option period not to exceed \$410,000.00. A written document exercising this first option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Consultant/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.

CONSULTANT:

SchoolWorks, LLC
100 Cummings Center Suite 236C
Beverly, MA 01915
Ledyard McFadden
978-921-1674
Vendor # 80634

USER:

Office of New Schools
125 S. Clark Street, Fl 5
Kathleen Weaver/Jeanne Nowczewski
773-553-1530

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 07-0523-PR14) in the amount of \$508,000.00 is for a term commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, with the Board having two option(s) to renew for a one year term each. The original agreement was awarded on a non-competitive basis because Consultant provided education consulting service to the Office of New Schools in 2006 – 2007, developing a unique research-based protocol for the CPS charter renewal process.

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

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

SCOPE OF SERVICES: During this option period SchoolWorks will:

- Complete an evaluative review of the 2007-2008 Office of New Schools charter renewal process.
- Provide technical assistance to refine the charter renewal application and evaluation process for the 2008-2009 school year.
- Facilitate site visits for the 2008-2009 charter renewals, with each visit led by SchoolWorks staff members.
- Provide training to the Office of New Schools staff on site-visit criteria and best practices.
- Provide technical assistance in the development and piloting of a mid point accountability review, aligning the evaluated principles with the 5 year evaluation to ensure a transparent and comprehensive accountability system.
- Develop and revise site visit protocol for the Office of New Schools selection process for Open, Invited, and Turnaround RFP applicants, leading to a more streamlined review process.
- Facilitate site visits for the Round V selection cycle in September 2008, and the Round VI selection cycle in November 2008 and May 2009, with each visit led by two SchoolWorks staff members. SchoolWorks will handle all communications with the schools regarding the purpose of the visit, scheduling, and report review and delivery.
- Plan and provide assistance in the analysis of data collected during site visits for Open, Invited, and Turnaround RFP applicants.

DELIVERABLES: During this option period SchoolWorks will:

- Provide site visit training for Office of New School staff.
- Provide training tools and materials to help staff implement site visit best practices.
- Submit written reports to the Office of New Schools outlining the findings for each charter school visited during the 2008-2009 renewal year.
- Collaborate with Office of New Schools in developing accountability criteria that will be implemented within charter schools.
- Collaborate with Office of New Schools in developing protocol and site visit tool for the mid-charter review.
- Develop new school recruitment and selection criteria for site visits in the form of a revised protocol document.
- Develop a written report based on the findings at each site visit.
- Facilitate meetings to analyze potential new and turnaround schools criteria.

OUTCOMES: SchoolWorks' services will result in:

- The completion of the 2008-2009 charter renewal process.
- Increased alignment of the Office of New Schools accountability structure, from school selection, to mid-point reviews, to renewal.
- Increased accountability of charter and contract schools with the addition of a mid-point review.
- The completion of the 2008 Round V and the 2009 Round VI Open, Invited and Turnaround RFP selection processes.
- Revised site visit system to evaluate and select new and turnaround school applicants.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid during this option period upon invoicing, as specified in the contract; total compensation for the option period not to exceed the sum of \$410,000.00.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The M/WBE goals for this contract include: 35% total MBE and 5% total WBE.

However the Office of Business Diversity recommends that a partial waiver of the M/WBE participation goals for this contract as required by the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services contracts be granted because the contract scope is not further divisible.

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

Total WBE – 30%

Nancy Clair – 15%
3636 Webster Street
San Francisco, CA 94123 independent consultant

Susan Jamback – 15%
33 Walton Heath Drive
Grantham, NH 03753 independent consultant

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

FINANCIAL:

Charge to: Office of New Schools, \$410,000.00
Budget Classification: 13615-115-54125-253517-000000

Fiscal Year: 2009
Source of Funds: General Education

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.

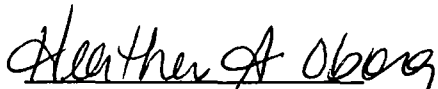
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board member during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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

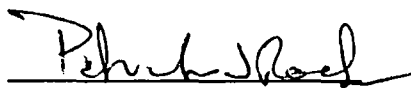
Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel