

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE SECOND OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH
METRITECH, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEST MATERIALS AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve exercising the second option to renew the agreement with Metritech, Inc. ("Metritech") for purchase of test materials and related professional development services at a cost for the option period not to exceed \$400,000.00. A written renewal agreement exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Metritech for this renewal period prior to the execution of the written renewal. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

VENDOR:

Metritech, Inc.
4106 Fieldstone Road
Champaign, Illinois 61826
Vendor Number: 21151
Susan Feldman
(217) 398-4868

USER:

Office of Teaching and Learning
Chicago Public Schools
125 South Clark Street, 5th floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Katherine Volk
(773) 553-5060

ORIGINAL AGREEMENT: The original agreement (authorized by Board Report 07-1024-PR27) in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 is for a term commencing October 25, 2007 and ending September 30, 2008, with the Board having three (3) options to renew the agreement for additional 1-year periods. The agreement was renewed (authorized by Board Report 09-0924-PR20) for a period commencing October 1, 2008 and ending September 30, 2009. The original agreement was awarded on a competitive basis.

OPTION PERIOD: The term of the agreement is being extended for an additional one-year period commencing October 1, 2009 and ending September 30, 2010.

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

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Metritech will continue to provide writing assessments, writing assessment related materials, and professional development services to CPS 7th and 8th grade students and teachers.

DELIVERABLES: Metritech will continue to provide assessment prompts, answer sheets, pre-ID labels, custom reports, and psychometric services. Metritech will also provide at no additional cost a set of writing prompts that CPS will administer to 7th and 8th grade students throughout the year. Metritech will also provide in-depth professional development to 7th and 8th grade teachers on the scoring of these prompts.

OUTCOMES: Consultant's products and services will result in the improved academic achievement of participating students in writing. The writing prompts which are aligned to the writing standards measured by the Illinois Standards Achievement Test and the professional development shall provide teachers and administrators with insights and tools to evaluation and guide writing instruction over the course of the 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: Consultant shall be paid during the option period as periodic invoices are submitted and verified, with the total amount not to exceed \$400,000.00.

REIMBURSEABLE EXPENSES: None

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written renewal agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the renewal agreement. Authorize Chief Officer of Teaching and Learning to execute all documents required to administer or effectuate this renewal agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The goals for this contract include 30% total MBE and 7% total WBE. However, the Waiver Review Committee recommends a partial waiver of the MBE goal as required by the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts be granted because the contract is not further divisible.

The Vendor has identified and scheduled the following:

Total WBE – 7%

Gail Bohnenstiehl
1500 Sangamon Street
Crete, Illinois 60417

Contact: Gail Bohnenstiehl

independent consultant

Jean C. Gewin
4106 Fieldstone Road
Champaign, Illinois 61826

Contact: Jean Gewin

independent consultant

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to: Department of Student Assessment, Office of Teaching and Learning:
Fiscal Year: 2009-2010
11290-115-53305-223012-000000-2010

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 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.

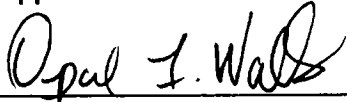
Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their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



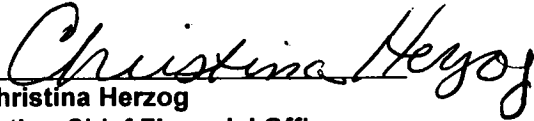
Opal L. Walls
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



Ron Huberman
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Christina Herzog
Acting Chief Financial Officer

Approve as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel