

**APPROVE EXERCISING THE OPTION TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH ACADEMIC APPROACH,  
LLC FOR ASSESSMENT SERVICES**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve exercising the option to renew the agreement with The Academic Approach, LLC to provide interim assessment services to the Department of Student Assessments at a total cost not for the option period not to exceed \$250,000.00. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No services have been provided by the Vendor during the period of November 1 through November 14, 2012. No services shall be provided and no payment shall be made to Vendor during the option period prior to execution of the written renewal agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written renewal agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

Contract Administrator : Holloway, Mr. Craig A / 773-553-2280

CPOR Number : 11-0927-CPOR-1484

**VENDOR:**

- 1) Vendor # 62052  
ACADEMIC APPROACH THE, LLC  
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**USER INFORMATION :**

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773-553-5060

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:**

The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 11-1026-PR7) in the amount of \$250,000 is for a term commencing November 1, 2011 and ending October 31, 2012, with the Board having one (1) option to renew for a one (1) year term. The original agreement was awarded on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-2 and approved by CPOR Number 11-0927-CPOR-1484.

**OPTION PERIOD:**

The term of this agreement is being renewed for one (1) year commencing November 1, 2012 and ending October 31, 2013.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:**

There are no option periods remaining.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

Vendor will continue to provide Chicago Public Schools ("CPS") assessments aligned to College Readiness Standards ("CRS") in each of the subject areas: Math, Reading, English Language Arts, and Science for CPS 9th, 10th, and 11th graders during the 2012-2013 school year. Each assessment will be composed of multiple choice questions, each of which is aligned to a particular CRS, and the Vendor will provide a test key for each assessment indicating the correct response for each question, as well as the CRS to which each such question is aligned. Assessments will be delivered to CPS in paper and electronic form. Thereafter, CPS will make the assessments available for use by all CPS high schools, and will be administered chiefly via CIM, CPS' primary portal for assessment administration and results reporting. Vendor will provide professional development services on the use of the data.

**DELIVERABLES:**

Vendor will continue to provide interim assessments aligned to College Readiness Standards in Math, Reading, English Language Arts and Science in the quantities indicated in the contract.

**OUTCOMES:**

Vendor's series of multiple-choice format interim assessments that are aligned to ACT's College Readiness Standards will gauge the extent of student learning and facilitate improved instruction in grades 9-12. Vendor's approach will target the most essential college readiness skills necessary to increase student achievement on the ACT.

**COMPENSATION:**

Vendor shall be paid in accordance with the pricing set forth in the written agreement; total compensation not to exceed the sum of \$250,000.00.

**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 the Chief of Instruction to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

The MBE/WBE goals for this agreement include 25% total MBE and 5% total WBE participation. However, the Office of Business Diversity recommends that a waiver of the goals required by the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, be granted due to the scope of services being not further divisible.

**LSC REVIEW:**

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:**

Fund 332, Assessment, 11210, \$250,000 in FY13

**CFDA#:** Not Applicable

**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 May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), 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:



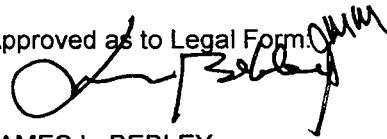
SÉBASTIEN de LONGEAUX  
Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:



BARBARA BYRD-BENNETT  
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:



JAMES L. BEBLEY  
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