

**AUTHORIZE SECOND RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWEST EVALUATION ASSOCIATION  
FOR ADAPTIVE GROWTH ASSESSMENT**

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

Authorize second renewal agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association to provide a computer-based adaptive assessment tool, implementation services, professional development services, technical support, data integration and reporting services to the Department of Student Assessment at a total cost not to exceed \$3,500,000.00. Vendor was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-2. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to Northwest Evaluation Association during the option period prior to 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.

Specification Number : 11-250057

Contract Administrator : Mayfield, Mr. Charles Edward / 773-553-3207

**VENDOR:**

- 1) Vendor # 43763  
NORTHWEST EVALUATION  
ASSOCIATION  
121 NW EVERETT STREET  
PORTLAND, OR 97209  
Molly Held  
503 624-1951

**USER INFORMATION :**

Project  
Manager: 16050 - Accountability  
  
125 S. Clark Street  
  
Chicago, IL 60603  
  
Barker, Mr. John R.  
  
773 553-2560

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:**

The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 12-0222-PR3 as amended by 13-0123-PR1) in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 is for a term commencing March 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, with the Board having three (3) options to renew for periods of one (1) year each. The agreement was renewed (authorized by Board Report 13-0626-PR1) in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 for a term commencing July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

**OPTION PERIOD:**

The term of this agreement is being renewed for one (1) year commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015.

**OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:**

There is one (1) option period for one (1) year remaining.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

Vendor will continue to provide assessments, reporting tools, professional development, consulting services, and implementation support for a computer-based adaptive assessment that will provide data that can be used to improve instruction and measure student learning growth. Additional services provided may include, but are not necessarily limited to, technical support, project management, and problem resolution, training, technology support and guidance from content and measurement experts. This program serves students in kindergarten through grade 8.

**USE OF SOFTWARE:** The Board will use the software to administer multiple assessments each year in reading, mathematics, and science. Online student result reports will be immediately available upon the conclusion of testing. The system will provide web-based analytic and reporting tools that are easy to use and intuitive for users at all technical skill levels. Vendor will provide, and Board staff shall have access to, in-person and online professional development and training opportunities to learn the concepts and practices necessary to administer the assessment and apply its results to instruction.

**DELIVERABLES:**

Vendor will continue to install the system at all participating schools and train all Board-identified users in the administration and use of the assessments.

**OUTCOMES:**

The Board will have the ability to administer multiple assessments per year in reading, mathematics and science, and to accurately measure student learning growth on the basis of these administrations.

Performance measures may include, but are not necessarily limited to: 1) percent of project milestones met, 2) percent of teachers administering the assessment, 3) utilization rate of reports, and 4) percent of users satisfied with the system.

**COMPENSATION:**

During this option period Vendor shall be paid in accordance with the prices contained in the renewal agreement; total not to exceed the sum of \$3,500,000.00.

**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 Chief Accountability Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

This agreement 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 MBE/WBE goals for this agreement are 15% total MBE and 5% total WBE participation.

The Vendor had identified the following:

**Total MBE - 15%**

Sierra Consulting Group, Inc.  
4856 S. Champlain Ave., Suite 1N  
Chicago, IL 60615  
Contact: Ray Harth, Jr.

**Total WBE - 5%**

Victory Productions, Inc.  
55 Linden Street  
Worcester, MA 01609  
Contact: Raul Porras

DDI Teacher Consulting  
24091 N. Quentin Rd.  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047  
Contact: Mary Liebforth

**LSC REVIEW:**

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:**

Fund 115, Assessment, 11210, \$3,500,000.00 in FY15  
Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval.

**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:



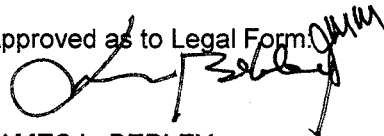
SÉBASTIEN de LONGEAUX  
Chief Procurement Officer

Approved:



BARBARA BYRD-BENNETT  
Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:



JAMES L. BEBLEY  
General Counsel