

**AUTHORIZE A NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE PUERTO RICAN CULTURAL CENTER TO PROVIDE SAFE PASSAGE SERVICES FOR THE HUMBOLDT PARK AND WEST TOWN COMMUNITIES**

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

Authorize a new agreement with the Puerto Rican Cultural Center to provide Safe Passage services in the Humboldt Park and West Town communities in an effort to allocate resources towards schools which are most at risk at a total cost not to exceed \$330,000.00. Vendor was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-2 through a duly advertised Request for Proposal (Specification No.: 14-250017). No services shall be provided by and no payment shall be made to Vendor prior to the execution of their written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event their written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to these agreement is stated below.

Specification Number : 14-250017

Contract Administrator : Sinnema, Mr. Ethan Cedric / 773-553-3295

**VENDOR:**

- 1) Vendor # 23713  
PUERTO RICAN CULTURAL CENTER 2  
2739 WEST DIVISION STREET  
CHICAGO, IL 60622  
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**USER INFORMATION :**

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**TERM:**

The term of this agreement shall commence on August 1, 2014 and shall end on July 31, 2015, with one (1) option to renew for one (1) year.

**EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:**

The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

The Board has conducted a thorough assessment of the violence-related risks posed to CPS school students both inside and outside of the schools. In response to data-based research and community discussions, the Board is executing a safety strategy designed to focus resources on two ultimate goals: 1. Reduce the likelihood that high-risk Chicago Public Schools students will become victims of violent incidents; and, 2. Create a safe, secure, and supportive school environment to increase student

attendance and improve academic performance. To achieve these goals, the Board has outlined the Safe Passage program to help ensure students travel safely. The Vendor will provide the following Safe Passage Services: I. Community Watchers: Vendor will deploy Safe Passage staff ("Community Watchers" or "Watchers") throughout Board-designated safety routes to supervise students traveling to and from school grounds. Such supervision will occur during school arrival and dismissal times or solely during dismissal times. Such supervision will vary depending on the individual school's arrival and dismissal times. II. Outreach Management Services: Vendor may be asked to provide outreach services for students with five (5) or more unexcused absences. Outreach services will include the administration of assessments to uncover the circumstances associated with student absences and the communication of the results of such assessment to the appropriate entities. All Safe Passage Vendor staff must satisfy the CPS and statutory requirements for individuals who have access to students, which includes background checks.

**DELIVERABLES:**

Community Watchers' duties will consist of: 1) Reporting to daily assigned post(s) to assist students as they travel to and from bus stops and board necessary buses; 2) Monitoring designated "hot spots" for suspicious behavior and potential conflicts; 3) Collaborating with the CPD and CPS and instantly reporting any known or potential conflicts to the CPD and CPS; 4) Submitting a daily electronic incident report as well as a weekly electronic report that will include the number and description of incidents, responses to incidents, a list and description of troubled buildings, and an explanation of potential conflicts the Community Watchers suspect will occur in the near future; and 5) Wearing a uniform and/or having official identification that clearly identifies their status as Community Watchers.

**OUTCOMES:**

Vendor services will result in: 1) increased student attendance, 2) decreased violent incidents involving CPS students, and 3) increased student perception of safety traveling to and from school.

**COMPENSATION:**

Vendor shall be paid as specified in their agreement; total compensation not to exceed the sum of \$330,000.00.

**REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:**

None.

**AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Safety and Security Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

Pursuant to the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, MBE/WBE provisions of the program do not apply to transactions where the vendor providing services operates as a Not-For-Profit organization. This agreement shall be exempt from MBE/WBE review. However, the vendor has agreed to participate in the MBE/WBE program through the hiring and placement of Community Watchers.

**LSC REVIEW:**

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:**

Fund 115  
Office of Safety and Security, 10600  
\$330,000.00, 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:



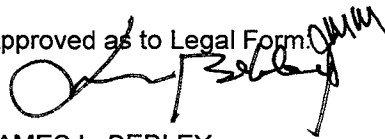
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