

April 22, 2015

Debarment of Express Business Products, Team Office Products, G&O Office Products, J&F Office Products, Advantage Office Products, Express School Products, Lawrence Industries, T. Schnitzler Enterprises, Inc., Ravenswood Industries, Larry Orleans, Alison Diefenbach, Linda Wheeler, Stacey Holsman and Timothy Schnitzler

THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") permanently debar **Express Business Products, Team Office Products, G&O Office Products, J&F Office Products, Advantage Office Products, Express School Products, Lawrence Industries, T. Schnitzler Enterprises, Inc., Ravenswood Industries, Larry Orleans, Alison Diefenbach, Linda Wheeler, Stacey Holsman and Timothy Schnitzler** (hereinafter "Respondents") from doing any business with the Board.

Following the Office of the Inspector General's recommendations in Reports 14-00431 and 07-5820, the Board's Chief Purchasing Officer served Respondents with a Notice of Proposed Debarment ("Notice") on November 21, 2014, initiating a debarment proceeding against them, based upon Respondents' stringing of the purchase of various school supplies across various vendor numbers and thereby violating Board Rule 7-2 and 7-12 and sections 2(c), 2(e), 2(f), 2(h), 2(i)(1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 18) and 2(k) of the Board's Debarment Policy. Each Respondent has failed to respond to the allegations set forth in the Notice. Section 4.5(d) of the Debarment Policy provides that a failure to respond "to any allegation in the Notice shall be deemed an admission of that allegation," and that if "Respondent[s] fail to file a timely Answer to the Notice . . . all of the allegations . . . shall be deemed to be admitted." As the Respondents failed respond to the Notice, each of the aforementioned allegations is deemed admitted by each of the Respondents.

Based on the facts set forth in the Notice and supporting documentation, the Chief Administrative Officer recommends that the Board adopt the findings of the Inspector General and permanently debar Respondents from doing any business with the Board effective immediately.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Affirmative Action review is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: None.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: None.

APPROVED:


TIM CAWLEY
Chief Administrative Officer

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:


JAMES L. BEBLEY
General Counsel 