

August 24, 2016

DEBARMENT OF STEVEN BELL and FIRST STRIKE PROGRAM**THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") permanently debar **Steven Bell and First Strike Program** (hereinafter "Respondents") from doing any business with the Board.

Following the Office of the Inspector General's recommendations in Report 14-00345, the Board's Chief Procurement Officer served Respondents with a Notice of Proposed Debarment ("Notice") on or about December 30, 2014 and again on January 5, 2015, initiating a debarment against them, based upon Respondents' violation of section 2(k) of the Board's Debarment Policy ("Policy"). The Respondents submitted a timely written response ("Response") pursuant to section 4.5(d) of the Policy. The Chief Procurement Officer and Chief Administrative Officer have reviewed the record (as defined in section 4.5(i)(10) of the Policy), and determined Respondents have not met their burden of demonstrating that Debarment is not warranted due to any mitigating factors.

Based on the facts set forth in the record as defined in section 4.5(i)(10) of the Policy, the Chief Administrative Officer recommends that the Board permanently debar Respondents from doing any business with the Board effective immediately. Furthermore, all existing contracts between the Board and Respondents are terminated. Respondents are also ineligible to act as a subcontractor or supplier to any existing or future Board contracts.

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:

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