

October 26, 2016

DEBARMENT OF ERIC MCEWEN, UBS PROMOTIONALS, APEX GROUP OF ILLINOIS, INC., ETAJ WEARABLES, INC., PERFORMANCE AWARDS, INC. AND BAG NATION, INC.

THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") permanently debar **Eric McEwen, UBS Promotionals, Apex Group of Illinois, Inc., ETAJ Wearables, Inc., Performance Awards, Inc. and Bag Nation, Inc.** (hereinafter "Respondents") from doing any business with the Board.

Following the Office of the Inspector General's recommendations in Report 15-01233, the Board's Chief Procurement Officer served Respondents with a Notice of Proposed Debarment ("Notice") on July 21, 2016, initiating a debarment proceeding against them, based upon evidence that Eric McEwen was acting as five different vendors that sell the same biddable products across various vender numbers and units so as to avoid the unit-spending limits established by Procurement thereby violating section 2(e) of the Board's Debarment Policy ("Policy"). The Chief Administrative Officer has reviewed the record (as defined in section 4.5(10) of the Policy) and recommends debarment.

Based on the facts set forth in the record as defined in section 4.5(10) of the Policy, the CAO recommends that the Board adopt the findings of the Inspector General and 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:

Alfonso de Hoyas Acosta
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 Chief Administrative Officer

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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