RATIFY ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS SCHOOL REFORM PARTNERS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify entering into agreements with various school reform partners listed below to provide consulting services to select Chicago Public Schools/Chicago Teachers Union Partnership Schools at a cost not to exceed the aggregate amount of \$589,925.00. Consultants began services prior to Board approval. Consultants were selected on a non-competitive basis following a joint evaluation by CPS and the Chicago Teachers Union as to each partner's ability to implement a nationally recognized, scientifically research-based elementary and high school reform models. Written agreements for each Consultant's services are currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to any Consultant during the term prior to the execution of such Consultant's written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind as to each Consultant in the event a written agreement for such Consultant is not executed within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this matter is stated below.

SPECIFICATION NO.: 03-250210

Consultants:	CPS/CTU	Region
1. Southern Regional Educational Center High Schools That Work 592 Tenth Street, NW Atlanta, GA 30318 Not to Exceed: \$108,400.00 Contact Person: Tony Dobbins (404) 879-5542 Vendor Number: 14346	Partnership School Collins Richards	3 4
2. Success for All Foundation 200 W. Towsontown Blvd Baltimore, MD 21204-5200 Not to Exceed: \$382,525.00 Contact: Sean Christian (800) 548-4998 Vendor Number: 46118	Attucks Burke Hartigan Medill Raymond	4 4 4 3 5
3. Youth Guidance – Comer School Development Process 122 South Michigan Ave., Suite 1510 Chicago, IL 60604 Not to Exceed: \$99,000.00 Contact: Vivian Loseth (312) 253-4900 ext. 3918	Chalmers	3

USER: Office of Research, Evaluation and Accountability

125 South Clark Street, 11th Floor

Adalbert Kouba (773) 553-2335

Vendor Number: 11060

TERM: The term of each agreement shall commence on July 1, 2003 and shall end June 30, 2004. Each agreement shall have one option to renew for a period of one year subject to Board approval. The cost of the option period will be negotiated at the time of such renewal.

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM: Schools that have been on probation for two consecutive years and are on the State's Academic Watch List or Early Warning List are potential CTU/CPS partnership schools. Staff in the partnership schools must vote to implement one of three curriculum models with proven track records in improving academic achievement. Curriculum model consultants will work with partnership schools in implementing a school reform model for each partnership school. Schools in the program are expected to meet NCLB/State and CPS accountability requirements at the end of the program's first year. Schools that make adequate progress under the requirements on ISAT/ITBS and No Child Left Behind related performance criteria will remain eligible to continue in the program. Schools that fail to make adequate progress after one year may be eligible for closure.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Each consultant will implement its unique reform model at the selected schools. The reform models shall contain the following components: curriculum (including subject matter blocks, recommended class sizes, assessments, support); governance and staffing (including decision-making model); structure of the school day (including extended day, planning time, professional development activities); and accountability measures (including ITBS/ISAT scores, student attendance, parental involvement).

DELIVERABLES: Deliverables will vary according to each Consultant's reform model and proposal. The Office of Research, Evaluation and Accountability shall monitor delivery of deliverables specified in each Consultant's contract.

OUTCOMES: Consultants' services will 1) increase student achievement, 2) meet NCLB/State/CPS accountability requirements, 3) improve school leadership, including school organization and fiscal management, 3) establish a student-centered learning climate, 4) provide effective professional development activities, and 5) promote parent community partnerships

COMPENSATION: Consultants shall be paid as periodic invoices are submitted and verified, in amounts not to exceed those listed above for each Consultant; total compensation not to exceed \$589,925 in the aggregate.

REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreements. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreements.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan), the Per Contract and Category Goals method for M/WBE participation will be utilized. Aggregated compliance of the vendors in the pool will be reported on a monthly basis. The M/WBE participation goals for this contract include: 35% total MBE, 22% total African American, 10% total Hispanic, 2% total Asian and 5% total WBE.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Charge to: Office of Accountability: \$589,925.00 Fiscal Year: 2004

Budget Classification: 0012-210-733-7090-5410

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 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 July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), 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:

Heather Crossley

Chief Procurement Officer

Within Appropriation:

John Maiorca

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Approved as to legal form:

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