AUTHORIZE TUITION PAYMENT TO DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve tuition payment to the Depaul University for graduate level coursework used by the Office of Language and Cultural Education at a cost not to exceed \$77,364. These courses are part of a series provided to teachers for obtaining an Illinois State Standard Teaching Certificate and foreign language endorsement in Mandarin or Japanese language. This support is a required component of the Federal IASA Title VII Foreign Language Assistance Project. This is the first year of a three year project.

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PAYMENT PERIOD: Tuition Payments are authorized for university courses scheduled from January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Depaul University, in collaboration with the Office of Language and Cultural Education of Chicago Public Schools (CPS), will organize and implement courses for a cohort of 27 CPS teachers through the Mandarin and Japanese Improvements in Curriculum (MAJIC) grant to fulfill the requirements for obtaining an Illinois Mandarin or Japanese foreign language endorsement. This is the first year of a three year grant program. The University will also provide transcript evaluation to determine coursework the CPS teachers will need to fulfill Endorsement requirements. The grant will provide a tuition stipend of \$1228 per course. The MAJIC grant provides this stipend for the winter, spring and summer quarters of 2005 at DePaul University.

OUTCOMES: A cohort of 27 CPS teachers will successfully complete coursework required toward the attainment of an Illinois Japanese or Mandarin foreign language endorsement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) this contract is exempt from review because the contract is for a tuition payment.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Language and Cultural Education: \$77,364

Budget Classification: 0460-251-187-1062-5560

Budget Source: Federal Grant

Fiscal Year: 2005

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