# AUTHORIZE THIRD RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH R.V. KUHNS AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN CONSULTING SERVICES

## THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize third renewal agreement with R.V. Kuhns & Associates, Inc. for retirement savings plan consulting services to the Talent Office at an estimated annual cost of \$145,000.00. Vendor consulting fees are paid through supplemental retirement plan assets at no cost to the Board. A written document exercising this option is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to R.V. Kuhns & Associates, Inc. during the option period prior to execution of the written document. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this option is stated below.

CPOR Number: 11-0701-CPOR-1456

## **VENDOR:**

1) Vendor # 81262 R.V. KUHNS & ASSOCIATES, INC 111 SW NAITO PARKWAY PORTLAND, OR 97204-3512 Anthony K. Johnson 503 221-4200

# **USER INFORMATION:**

Project

Manager:

11010 - Talent Office

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Wolter, Mr. William R.

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# **ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:**

The original Agreement (authorized by Board Report 11-0824-PR13) in the amount of \$145,000.00 was for a term commencing October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012, with the Board having four (4) options to renew for twelve month terms. The first renewal agreement was authorized by Board Report 12-0425-PR18 in the amount of \$145,000.00 for a term commencing October 1, 2012 and ending September 30, 2013. The second renewal agreement was authorized by Board Report 13-1023-PR14 in the amount of \$145,000.00 for a term commencing October 1, 2013 and ending September 30, 2014. The original agreement was awarded on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-2 (#11-0701-CPOR-1456).

# **OPTION PERIOD:**

The term of this agreement is being renewed for one (1) year commencing October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.

#### **OPTION PERIODS REMAINING:**

There is one (1) option period for one (1) year remaining.

#### SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Vendor will continue to provide the following services:

- Perform quarterly evaluations of investment funds offered within the Board's 403(B) and 457 retirement plans;
- Identify issues related to the investment governance of the funds and make recommendations as needed to ensure appropriate practices have been adopted and are effective;
- Examine the appropriateness of the investment benchmarks used to assess the funds' investment performance, measure their quality and describe their strengths and weaknesses;
- Perform specialized studies of specific investment matters as they may be requested;
- Assist the Board in fulfilling fiduciary responsibilities with proper oversight, governance and monitoring of investment funds:
- Provide insight into and detailed investment analysis on investment managers in publicly traded asset classes, and affirm the process used to retain and terminate investment managers; and
- Provide recommendations on investment related issues, including but not limited to, providing recommendations as to the selection of investment funds

#### **DELIVERABLES:**

Vendor will continue to provide financial analysis of the retirement savings plan, advise the Board regarding compliance with IRS regulations, review vendor contracts and program related documents for compliance with program provisions and IRS regulations, provide recommendations on how to enhance the 403(b) and 457 plans, and make recommendations on investment related issues, including but not limited to, recommendations as to the selection of investment funds.

# **OUTCOMES:**

Vendor's services will result in effective retirement savings for participating Chicago Public Schools employees.

#### **COMPENSATION:**

Vendor shall be paid during the third renewal agreement as follows: as monthly invoices are submitted and in accordance with the written agreement; estimated annual cost for the one year term is set forth below:

\$145,000.00, FY15

#### **AUTHORIZATION:**

Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written option document. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the option document. Authorize Chief Talent Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this option agreement.

#### **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

The M/WBE goals for this agreement include: 25% total MBE and 5% total WBE participation. However, the waiver Review Committee recommends a waiver of the goals required by the Remedial Program Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, be granted due to the scope of services being not further divisible.

# LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

#### FINANCIAL:

Vendor consulting fees are paid through supplemental retirement plan assets at no cost to the Board.

CFDA#:

Not Applicable

#### **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 Chicago 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 June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), 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:

SÉBASTIEN de LONGEAUX Chief Procurement Officer Approved:

BARBARA BYRD-BENNETT

**Chief Executive Officer** 

JAMES L. BEBLEY

General Counsel