# AUTHORIZE A NEW AGREEMENT WITH BLACKBOARD INC FOR A DISTRICT-WIDE COMMUNICATIONS SOLUTION

## THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize a new agreement with Blackboard Inc to provide a District-Wide Communications Solution to Information Technology Services at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Compensation Section of this report. Vendor was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-2. A written agreement for Vendor's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Vendor and no payment shall be made to Vendor prior to the execution of their written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event their written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification Number:

17-350010

Contract Administrator:

Sinnema, Mr. Ethan Cedric / 773-553-5180

#### VENDOR:

1) Vendor # 17857
BLACKBOARD INC
8335 KEYSTONE CROSSING STE 200
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46240

Adam Dolan 1-800 424-9299 OPT 2

Ownership: Blackboard Holdings Inc - 100%

#### **USER INFORMATION:**

**Project** 

Manager:

12510 - Information & Technology Services

42 West Madison Street

Chicago, IL 60602

Zalewski, Miss Kathryn Lucille

773-553-3060

#### TERM:

The term of this agreement shall commence on July 1, 2017 and shall end on June 30, 2020. This agreement shall have two (2) options to renew for periods of one (1) year each.

#### **EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:**

The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

#### **SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

Vendor will host and support a comprehensive, highly available, web-based communications solution that is accessible by desktop, pc or any smart cellular device. The solution provides communications services

to deliver messages via voice (robocalls), email, text or TTY/TDD for notifications such as daily attendance, emergencies, school-specific messages or programs, department-specific or District-wide notices to parents, students, employees and others. The solution is integrated with the Board's Student Information System and is able to integrate with other information sources. Vendor will also provide the texting mechanism for the Board's Parent Portal and has geo-mapping capabilities to send messages within geographic parameters. Training of Board personnel and ongoing technical or end user support is included in the solution.

#### **DELIVERABLES:**

Vendor will provide the Board with a comprehensive, 24x7x365 communications solution including technical support, training, and end user support that will enhance communication services for the Board through fiscal year 2020.

#### **OUTCOMES:**

Vendor's services will result in the Board having a state-of-the-art yet economical tool with training and support that enhances communications capabilities.

#### **COMPENSATION:**

Vendor shall be paid during the term of the agreement as specified in the agreement. Estimated annual costs for this term are set forth below:

\$400,000.00, FY18 \$400,000.00, FY19 \$400,000.00, FY20

## **REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:**

None.

## **AUTHORIZATION:**

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

#### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:

Pursuant to the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, MBE/WBE provisions of the Program do not apply to contracts where the Vendor is providing proprietary software applications. However, Vendor has committed to 5% WBE participation on this contract.

## LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

#### FINANCIAL:

Fund 115, Information Technology Services, Unit 12510

\$400,000.00, FY18 \$400,000.00, FY19

\$400,000.00, FY20

Not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 for the three (3) year term. Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval.

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:

JOSE ALFONSO DE HOYOS-ACOSTA Chief Administrative Officer Approved:

FORREST CLAYPOOL Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form

Lonald L. Monne

RONALD L. MARMER General Counsel