

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN GUIDANCE SERVICES (AGS)
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with American Guidance Services (AGS) to provide consulting services to the Office of Literacy – Secondary Unit at a cost not to exceed \$90,000. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because as the publisher of the Group Reading Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation

test booklets for the exam. The Office of Literacy has previously purchased the GRADE scoring sheets from American Guidance Services. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No

Affirmation Action: The M/WBE goals for this contract include: 35% total MBE, 22% total African American 10% total Hispanic 2% total Asian and 5% total WBE.

However, the Waiver Review Committee recommends that a full waiver of the M/WBE participation goals for this contract as required by the Revised Remedial Plan be granted because the contract scope is not further divisible.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of Literacy: \$90,000 Fiscal Year: 2005
Budget Classification: 0320-267-689-1028-5410
Source of Funds: Comprehensive School Reform
Requisition Number: [#]

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 June 22, 2004 (04-0000-PO4), as amended from time to time

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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)