

October 25, 2006

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON,
WISCONSIN CENTER FOR EDUCATION RESEARCH FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin Center for Education Research to provide consulting services to create a Value-Added Assessment System ["Program"] for Chicago Public Schools at a cost not to exceed \$687,501.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis pursuant to a joint evaluation by CPS, The Joyce Foundation, The Spencer Foundation, and Chicago Community Trust as to the Consultant's ability to implement a nationally recognized, scientifically research-based elementary school reform model and based on its previous history of working with the Milwaukee Public School System. A written agreement for Consultant's

services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided and no payment shall be made to

- Communicate progress regularly to CPS Office of Research, Evaluation & Accountability (REA)
- Support CPS and its schools utilization of data and research findings

DELIVERABLES: Consultant shall provide the following:

- A correlated ITBS to ISAT data model with acceptable error
- A concise list of value added variables/factors which attribute to school / teacher gains
- A real-time data analysis warehouse integrated into our CPS technology services systems
- Consistent status updates on the progress of the Program and any changes in scope/cost/timing
- A student level data file with value-added gain measures
- A fact sheet which describes what value-added is and can provide to CPS

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in the Board having a better understanding of the patterns of improvement in reading and mathematics gains by grade and by school. Consultant's services will allow the Office of Research, Evaluation, and Accountability to independently continue to estimate value-added indicators for the ISAT Reading and Mathematics tests. Over time, the value added indicators will

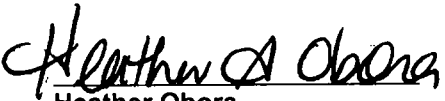
provide supplemental information for judging school and grade-within-school progress as required under the No Child Left Behind Act.

COMPENSATION: Consultant will be paid as detailed in the agreement; total compensation not to exceed \$697,504

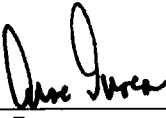
AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written agreement. Authorize the President and Secretary to execute the agreement. Authorize the Chief of the Office of Elementary Areas and Schools to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: The participation goal provisions of the Plan do not apply to transactions where


Approved for Consideration:


Heather Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer


Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel