

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CUNNINGHAM COMMUNICATIONS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve entering into an agreement with Cunningham Communications to provide consulting services to the

competitive basis because of its extensive expertise in local government, strategic press relations and communications planning. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** The M/WBE goals for this contract include: 26% total MBE and 5% 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 is not further divisible.

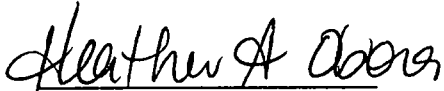
**LSC REVIEW:** Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:** Charge to Office of External Affairs: \$132,000.00  
Budget Classification: 10910-115-54125-250002-000000-2008

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**


Inspector General – Each party to the agreement shall acknowledge that, in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-404, the State Comptroller is required to review the financial statements of the State of Illinois.

Approved for Consideration:



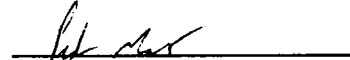
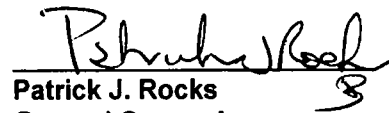
Heather A. Obara  
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

  
Pedro Martinez  
Chief Financial Officer  
Patrick J. Rocks  
General Counsel