

RATIFY ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BLACK STAR PROJECT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES ON VIOLENCE PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Ratify entering into an agreement with The Black Star Project to provide consulting services to the Office of the Board for (i) the development and implementation of violence prevention, intervention, and interruption initiatives for Chicago Public School students and (ii) outreach to and recruitment from community-based organizations in order to develop a process for collaborating and cooperating with such organizations to establish "Safe Schools Zones" for Chicago Public School students in targeted communities. These services

The Black Star Project's services will include the following specific actions for implementation:

1. **Implement Observation and Risk-Factor Assessment** – Develop an on-going system to identify and assess causal factors around youth violence by:
 - Monitoring and identifying emerging trends among youth;
 - Identifying the circumstances and history of youth violence and disciplinary issues exhibited at the target schools identified by the Chicago Public Schools;
 - Conducting focus groups with identified populations of students who perpetrate violence

as well as those who are victims of it;

- Opening lines of communication with school staff, security, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations and the City of Chicago Police Department; and
- Targeting efforts in schools with the highest incidence of youth violence.

2. **Develop Model for Creating Safe School Zones** – Develop "Safe School Zones" through a coordinated effort among parents, community members, Local School Councils, principals, CPS Central Office and Area offices, Chicago Police Department, City of Chicago's Graffiti Blasters Program, and other city agencies. The initiative will include:

- Meetings with principals and school staff at the area and unit level to achieve alignment

and a clear understanding of the overall objective of creating schools where students feel safe and able to focus on learning;

In-service training in collaboration with relevant city departments to ensure that

7. Refer individuals to Job Training, Job Placement and Entrepreneurship Training

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1126 Collect necessary data and create lists of agencies with services available through

services; and

1127 Disseminate information through street teams and community outreach efforts as well as

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in:

- Expanded capacity for a longer term initiative;
- Improved first day of school attendance in targeted areas;

- Engagement of new volunteers in targeted areas;
- Improved student behavior from the 24 to 30 students participating in the boot camp and

- mentoring programs; and
- Referral of at least 50 youths to training and job programs.

COMPENSATION:

Consultant shall be paid as specified in the agreement; total not to exceed the sum of \$125,000.

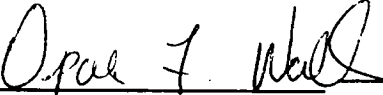
REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES: None.

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 President, on his/her own behalf, to




Approved for Consideration:



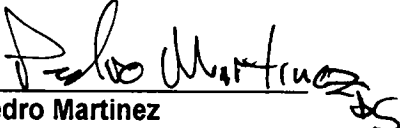
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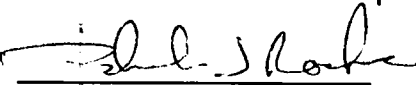
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Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel 