

**APPROVE PAYMENT TO METIS ASSOCIATES, INC.
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

~~Approve payment to Metis Associates, Inc. who provided consulting services to the Office of External Affairs~~

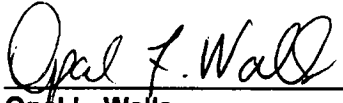
and Partnerships in the amount of \$30,000. These services were rendered without prior Board approval and all services have been completed. Consultant was selected on a competitive basis.

CONSULTANT: Alan J. Simon, Ph.D.

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New York, NY 10005
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Vendor #: 67741

Approved for Consideration:



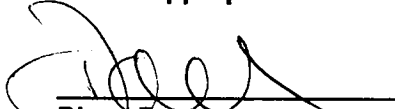
Opal L. Wall
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



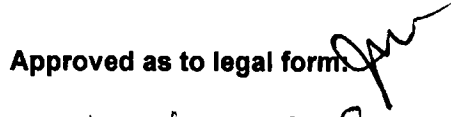
Terry Mazany
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



Diana Ferguson
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel