

June 23, 2021

**AUTHORIZE NEW AGREEMENTS WITH ACUMEN SOLUTIONS INC AND CARASOFT**

**TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION FOR UNIFIED CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLATFORM AND RELATED SERVICES**

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

Authorize new agreements with Acumen Solutions, Inc. and Carahsoft Technology Corporation to provide Unified Continuous Improvement Platform and Related Services to all schools and central office

departments at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Compensation Section of this report. Vendors were selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-3. Written agreements for services and/or

**TERM:**

The term of each agreement shall commence on July 1, 2021 and shall end June 30, 2023. The agreements shall have two (2) options to renew for periods of one (1) year each.

**EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:**

The Board shall have the right to terminate each agreement with 30 days written notice.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

Acumen Solutions Inc. will provide the design and implementation of a single Continuous Improvement platform for central offices, networks and schools, inclusive of the change management and training pertaining to the onboarding of the platform. Carahsoft Technology Corporation will provide the software licenses for Salesforce and Tableau.

**DELIVERABLES:**

- A Continuous Improvement platform that includes strategic planning, shared progress monitoring, and project management capabilities to be used by 45+ central office departments, all networks, and all school CIWP teams.

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Total MBE: 30%  
Catalyst Consulting Group, Inc.  
211 W. Wacker Dr., Suite 450  
Chicago, IL 60606  
Ownership: Arvind Talwar

**LSC REVIEW:**

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

**FINANCIAL:**

Fund 115, Unit 12510, Information and Technology Services.  
FY22 \$3,069,536  
FY23 \$583,872  
Not to exceed amount for the two (2) year term is \$3,653,408.  
Future year funding is contingent upon budget appropriation and approval.

**CFDA#:** Not Applicable

**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.