## APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH LEXIS-NEXIS FOR SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES

## THE INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve an amendment to the existing agreement with Lexis-Nexis to provide computer on-line legal, news and public records information to assist the Office of the Inspector General in the work of investigating contract fraud and employee misconduct allegations at a cost not to exceed \$75,000. Consultant was selected based on the quality and comprehensiveness of the on-line data. A written amendment for Vendor's services is available for signature. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written document is not executed within 60 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this document is stated below.

**CONSULTANT:** Lexis-Nexis

135 S. LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60603 Contact: Robert Frey (312) 236-7903 Vendor # 37969

**USER:** Office of the Inspector General 310 South Michigan, Suite 1300 Chicago, Illinois 60604 (773) 534-8711

**ORIGINAL AGREEMENT:** The original agreement (authorized by Board Report No. 97-0430-PR22 was for a term commencing September 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997, as amended by Board Report No. 970723-PR49 for a term ending June 30, 1998, as amended by Board Report No. 98-0622-PR36 for a term ending June 30, 1999, as amended by Board Report No. 99-0623-IG6 for a term ending June 30, 2000, as amended by Board Report No. 00-0726-IG1 for a term ending June 30, 2001.

**TERM:** The term of this agreement shall be extended for a period commencing July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Lexis-Nexis will continue to provide unlimited access to the pre-selected legal, news and public records databases for a fixed monthly fee. Data searches in other available databases will be charged at the standard rate per minute of access. Lexis-Nexis is the world's largest provider of on-line legal, news and public records information. All of the data in Lexis-Nexis is available to Lexis-customers through personal computer and modem. Of specific interest to the Office of the Inspector General are the All Public Records materials. These include nationwide tax assessor records, deed transfers, corporation filings, fictitious names, UCC filings, federal and state tax liens, a person locator, civil filings, bankruptcy filings and professional license information.

**DELIVERABLES**: Lexis-Nexis will continue to provide through the customer's personal computer copies of the selected information from its databases.

**OUTCOMES:** These services will allow the Inspector General to access necessary information.

**COMPENSATION:** Consultant shall be paid as follows: Flat monthly fee of \$4,600 for unlimited access to Primary Law, All Public Records + EZFIND, Nexis, Midwest Regional News, and SELECT Library databases. Access to additional databases will be at the commercial rate for the individual database. The commercial rates will be discounted on average 25 percent. Total compensation is not to exceed the sum of \$75,000.

**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 Inspector General to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Vendor agrees to comply with and be bound by the provisions of the Revised Remedial Plan for Women Business Enterprise Economic Participation (M/WBE Plan).

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of the Inspector General: \$75,000 Fiscal Year: FY2002

Budget Classification: Contingent on approval of FY2002 Budget

Source of Funds: General Education Fund 210

Requisition Number: Not Available

## **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 Board of Trustees 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.

Conflicts – The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness – The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Within Appropriation:

Kenneth C. Gotsch Chief Fiscal Officer

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Marilyn F. Jøhnson General Counsel