## AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO ERIKSON INSTITUTE FOR TUITION FOR GRADUATE LEVEL COURSEWORK IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

## THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Authorize the payment of tuition to Erikson Institute for graduate level coursework offered from September 1, 2004 through June 30, 2007 for up to 20 Early Childhood teachers participating in the Master of Science Program in Early Childhood Education at a cost not to exceed \$100,000. Information pertinent to these payments is stated below.

Specification No.: 04-250064

UNIVERSITY: Erikson Institute

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312-893-7140 Vendor # 73654

**USER:** Chicago Public Schools

Department of Human Resources

Routes to Teaching

125 South Clark Street, 15th Floor

Chicago, IL 60603

Contact: Ascencion Juarez

773-553-1070

**PAYMENT PERIOD:** Payments are authorized for courses provided between September 1, 2004 and June 30, 2007.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** Erikson Institute will provide graduate level coursework leading to a Master of Science in Early Childhood Education to twenty Early Childhood teachers. Participating teachers will be required to complete all program coursework within a three year period. The participating teachers will be selected by both CPS and Erikson from a pool of current CPS teachers who hold Type 04 certificates. These teachers will continue to teach in a CPS classroom during the day while taking program-related coursework in the evening. Participating teachers will take 14 graduate courses for a total of 38 graduate credit hours. By the end of the program, participating teachers will earn their Master of Science Degree in Early Childhood Education.

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES:** 20 CPS teachers will fulfill coursework requirements to receive a Master of Science in Early Childhood Education.

**COMPENSATION:** Erikson Institute will be compensated on a per teacher-intern basis at the rate of \$5,000.00 per teacher-intern at a total cost not to exceed \$100,000.00. Participating teachers will be required to work for three years in Chicago Public Schools after completing the program. The Board will require participating teachers who fail to fulfill the requirements of the Program to repay the Board for the tuition payments made by the Board on such teacher's behalf.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Pursuant to section 3.7 of the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan) this contract is exempt from review because the contract is for tuition.

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

FINANCIAL: Total Charge to Routes to Teaching \$100,000.00

FY 2005 \$ 40,000.00 FY 2006 \$ 30,000.00 FY 2007 \$ 30,000.00

Budget Classification: 0710-210-000-1575-5940

## **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.

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).

**Approved for Consideration:** 

Heather Obora

**Chief Purchasing Officer** 

Approved:

Arne Duncan

**Chief Executive Officer** 

Within Appropriation:

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Chief Financial Officer

Ruth M. Moscovitch

General Counsel