## APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LCM ARCHITECTS FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

## THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with LCM Architects to provide consulting services to the Office of the Chief of Staff to the Chief Executive Officer at a cost not to exceed \$880,000 for FY '08 and FY '09. Consultant was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 5-4.1. A written agreement for Consultant's services is being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Consultant and no payment shall be made to Consultant prior to the execution of the written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 120 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

CONSULTANT: LCM Architects

Specification No. 07-250031

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Chicago, Illinois 60605

312-913-1717

Contact Person: Jack Catlin

Vendor #25727

**USER:** Office of the Chief of Staff to the Chief Executive Officer

Bebe Novich, Director of ADA Policy

125 S. Clark St.,10<sup>th</sup> Fl.

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**TERM:** The term of this agreement shall commence on February 1, 2008 and shall end January 31, 2010. This agreement shall have 3 options to renew for periods of 12 months each.

**EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT**: The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES**: Consultant will assist CPS in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) by improving and centralizing information regarding the existing accessibility of all CPS school buildings to people with disabilities. Consultant will do this by assembling and putting into convenient form all current accessibility data as follows:

- 1) Reviewing plans for all CPS school buildings and documenting all existing accessibility features;
- Recording current accessibility features on a digital Access Plan for each school, which will be posted on the CPS website to provide accessibility information to the public;
- 3) Designing a centralized, searchable Accessibility Database in which to store accessibility information about each school for CPS staff use; and
- 4) Categorizing school buildings in terms of difficulty of renovating them for increased access in the future.

**DELIVERABLES:** The consultant will design templates for CPS approval, for: a) digital Access Plans; and b) a CPS Accessibility Database, as described above. After designing these templates, the consultant will review architectural drawings and/or other types of available plans for each CPS school building, enter accessibility information about each building into the Accessibility Database, and produce Access Plans for each building as can be completed within the contract amount. The consultant will also categorize each building reviewed in terms of the cost and difficulty of future accessibility renovations to assist CPS in capital planning.

**OUTCOMES:** Consultant's services will result in CPS having and making public detailed, accurate information about the accessibility of all areas of each school building to various types of disabilities. This will enable CPS to determine whether or not its programs are planned to take place in accessible areas of

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accessible buildings, as required by the ADA, and it will enable parents and community members with disabilities to have full information about access when choosing schools and events to attend.

**COMPENSATION:** Consultant shall be paid as follows: an agreed-upon hourly or per-project rate, not to exceed the sum of \$880,000 total for fiscal years '08 and '09.

**REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES:** The total compensation amount reflected herein is inclusive of all reimbursable expenses.

**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 Director of ADA Policy to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** Pursuant to section 4.1 of the Remedial Program for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, the aforementioned vendor will adhere to the assigned goals of 35% MBE and 5% WBE.

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

FINANCIAL: Charge to Office of the Chief of Staff:

\$440,000 Fiscal Year: 2008

Budget Classification: 10710-115-54125-264001

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Budget Classification: 10710-115-54125-264001 Fiscal Year: 2009

Source of Funds: Fund 115 General Education Fund

## **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 June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), 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 A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Within Appropriation:

Pedro Martinez
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:

Patrick J. Rocks General Counsel Approved:

Arne Duncan

**Chief Executive Officer**