# RATIFY AN AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS VIRTUAL SCHOOL FOR ONLINE CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

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

Ratify entering into agreement with Peoria County Regional Office of Education d/b/a Illinois Virtual School (IVS) for online curriculum and instructional support for the Office of Student Support and Engagement/Learning Support Virtual Learning Department at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00. IVS was selected on a non-competitive basis without prior Board approval. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No payment shall be made to IVS 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 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

## **VENDOR:**

1) Vendor # 67915
PEORIA COUNTY REGIONAL OFFICE OF
EDUCATION DBA ILLINOIS VIRTUAL
SCHOOL (IVS)
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Cindy Hamblin
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## USER:

Office of Student Support and Engagement 125 South Clark Street Chicago, IL 60603

Contact: Keisha Kidan Phone: 773-553-3473

## TERM:

The term of the agreement shall commence on March 1, 2011 and shall end June 30, 2011.

# **SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

The Illinois Virtual School will provide staff, administration, platform (Learning Management System), curriculum and support for online courses.

IVS will provide two distinct categories of courses, including preparation/pre-high school courses for rising 7th-9th graders and credit bearing enrichment courses for high school students.

IVS will provide core instruction, high school courses for the regular school year. Courses to be provided will include electives, foreign languages, Advanced Placement and core requirement courses.

Coursework and Staff - IVS will provide student orientation for the online learning platform, coursework, and Illinois certified teachers for each CPS class. IVS will also provide an administrator to manage the enrollment; oversee the delivery of the IVS program; evaluate the success of the IVS program; and assist in resolving any program issues.

IVS will provide middle school and high school coursework that is aligned with Illinois State Learning Standards and CPS curriculum.

IVS will utilize their current online delivery system (D2L), current middle school pre-algebra and basic composition courses modified to meet CPS student needs, math and writing assessments and the IVS student information system to document progress. Student progress will be monitored by CPS Program Manager via the IVS Student Information System (MAESTRO). IVS will provide the CPS Program Manager credentials to access all CPS student information on the IVS system. Students will be able to monitor their own progress through D2L.

IVS will provide classes that are similar in format to what is currently offered at IVS. The program will allow students to log in, check the news widget within the course for updates from their teacher, work on assigned content modules; and complete assignments and assessments. IVS will assign one teacher (virtual) to each online class. Students may ask their IVS teacher questions via email, within a planned Elluminate web conference or via the D2L pager tool while the teacher is online. Teachers will respond to these questions in an expeditious manner. The IVS instructor may initiate small group instruction sessions via Elluminate as needed, based on student online performance and understanding.

Web and Application Hosting and Maintenance - IVS will provide the necessary server and server software, software and content maintenance, application hosting, and technical support services to enable CPS students and staff to access the Program website and utilize the Program materials.

Status Meetings - IVS shall meet with the CPS Program Manager and other members of the Board's administrative staff as requested to discuss the Program, the types of problems being encountered by the participants as they utilize the skills covered during the lessons, and other Program-related issues.

#### **DELIVERABLES:**

IVS shall provide the deliverables listed below:

Administration of project, project management, and student enrollment support;

Curriculum/coursework and aforementioned unique units for enrichment courses;

Learning Management System (D2L):

Tailored course shells built from current IVS course content for the summer program; and IVS Illinois certified instructors available asynchronously throughout the term and synchronously upon request

#### **OUTCOMES:**

Outcomes will be measured based on the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the Distance Learning Program which include:

Total number of students served

Percentage of students who complete program/course

Percentage of students who attain credit

Number of students who meet graduation requirements and graduated upon completion of program Number of students who are back on track to graduate upon completion of program/courses

#### **COMPENSATION:**

IVS shall be paid licensing and implementation fees as specified in the agreement; total cost not to exceed \$100,000.00.

#### **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 Chief Administration Officer to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

## **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

Pursuant to Section 5.2.3 of the Remedial Program for Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Participation in Goods and Services Contracts, tuition payments to other educational institutions are excluded from MBE/WBE review.

#### LSC REVIEW:

Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

#### FINANCIAL:

Charge to Office of Student Support and Engagement, Learning Support, Virtual Learning (formerly Graduation Pathways) \$100,000.00

Fiscal Year: FY2011 Budget Classification:

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\$100,000.00

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.

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).

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Approved for Consideration:

Chief Purchasing Officer

Within Appropriation:

DIANA S. FERGUSON Chief Financial Officer Approved:

Chief Executive Officer

Approved as to Legal Form

PATRICK J. ROCKS

General Counsel