

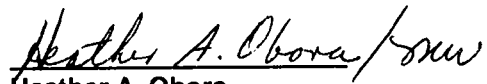
**APPROVE PAYMENT TO AMERICAN EXPRESS TAX & BUSINESS SERVICES INC.  
FOR AUDITING SERVICES**

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

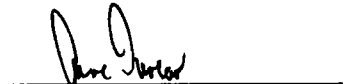
~~Approve payment to American Express Tax & Business Services Inc for auditing services provided to the~~

Department of Operations from August 1, 2002 to December 31, 2003 in the amount of \$88,366.29. These

Approved for Consideration:

  
Heather A. Obora  
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:

  
Arne Duncan  
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:

  
John Maiorca  
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form *ldw*