

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ERIKSON INSTITUTE
FOR PROJECT MANAGMENT AND FISCAL AGENT SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Erikson Institute to provide project management and fiscal agent services to the Office of Early Childhood Education for the Chicago Program Evaluation Project (C-PEP) at a cost not to exceed 10% of the overall project cost. The total cost to the Board shall not exceed \$245,000, of which \$24,500 is to be paid to Erikson Institute as compensation for its services and the balance of \$220,500 ~~is to be held by Erikson Institute as Fiscal Agent and paid out to a research group as directed. The balance of~~

the funding for this project is to come from the City of Chicago Department of Children and Youth Services

and private funding sources. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis because of its national reputation in the field of Early Childhood Education. A written agreement for Consultant's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Consultant and no payment shall be made to Consultant

OUTCOMES: Consultant's services will result in a completed project which will address the issue of quality in preschool programs across the City of Chicago. The final report will provide detailed information on the

preschool programs.

COMPENSATION: Consultant shall be paid 10% of the total project cost which is expected to be \$660,000. The total cost to the Board shall not exceed \$245,000 to be paid when the contract is signed, with 10% or \$24,500 to be retained by Erikson Institute as the Administrative fee and the balance of \$220,500 to be held by Erikson and used for payments to the selected research group. The additional compensation payable to

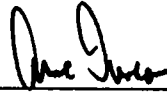
Contingent Liability – The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:



Heather A. Obora
Chief Purchasing Officer

Approved:



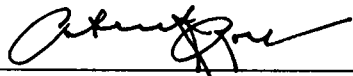
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel