

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TEACHING STRATEGIES
FOR THE PURCHASE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD ELECTRONIC ASSESSMENT PORTFOLIOS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with Teaching Strategies for the purchase of an electronic portfolio system for the collection of early childhood assessment and planning data to be used for early childhood programs at a cost not to exceed \$334,500. Vendor was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board

Rule 5-4.1. A written agreement for this purchase is currently being negotiated. No goods may be ordered or received and no payment shall be made to Vendor 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.

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 Barbara Bowman, Chief Officer of the Office of Early Childhood Education, to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: N/A

FINANCIAL: Chicago Office of Early Childhood Education: \$224,500

Budget Classification: 11385-115-54105-111085-376619
Source of Funds: ECBG – Early Childhood Block Grant (State of Illinois)
Fiscal Year: 2008 & 2009

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