

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
CENTER ON EDUCATION AND WORK FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEST MATERIALS**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into an agreement with the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center on Education and Work, for the purchase of test materials for the Department of Assessment Design at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.00. Vendor was selected on a non-competitive basis by ISBE because the vendor is a non-profit cooperative of nineteen states working together to meet the requirements of No Child Left Behind for English Language learners. A written agreement for this purchase is currently being negotiated. The authority granted herein shall automatically expire if the above-written agreement is not executed

within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below

OUTCOMES:

The academic language proficiency assessment materials furnished by Vendor are mandated by ISBE for use with students enrolling in Illinois public school districts at applicable grade levels. These assessment

materials will aid in the identification and placement of English language learners. They will provide evaluations of students' abilities in all four language domains (Listening, Speaking, Writing, and Reading) as well as Social and Instructional English and academic language corresponding to the subject areas of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Additionally they are part of a complete ELL support system that includes curricular and instructional guidance for schools based on the ELP

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

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budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:

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