

September 26, 2018

PERMANENT VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION OF FRANCHISE BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC.

THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") approve the permanent voluntary exclusion of FRANCHISE BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC., ("Respondent") in settlement of the debarment matter against it under Section 4.7 of the Board's Debarment Policy, 08-1217-P01.

Following the Office of the Inspector General's recommendations in Report 14-00500, the Board's Chief

Procurement Officer served Respondent with a Notice of Proposed Debarment ("Notice") on June 6, 2017, initiating debarment proceedings against it, based upon Respondent's alleged engagement in conduct that violated Board Rules and policies. Specifically, the notice alleged that Respondent structured a stringing scheme to circumvent the Department of Procurement's competitive bidding processes.

The Respondent has agreed to accept a permanent voluntary exclusion and pay restitution to the Board in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). The General Counsel recommends the Board accept this settlement.

LSC REVIEW: LSC approval is not applicable to this report.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS: Affirmative Action review is not applicable to this report.