

**THE GENERAL COUNSEL REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Continued retention of M. Beatriz Arias as a Consultant.

**DESCRIPTION:** M. Beatriz Arias is a consultant who has been hired to conduct an examination of the District's initial programs as part of overall compliance obligations under the Desegregation Consent Decree. The amount of the contract is \$25,000.00. The District will pay the consultant on a monthly basis in arrears. The Board is recommended to approve this contract. Additional authorization is recommended to the Board. The General Counsel and, if satisfactory, processed for payment.

**APPROVAL:** The Board is recommended to approve this contract. The Board's approval is not applicable.

is an MWBE. **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION STATUS:** Dr. Arias

Department - Legal and Supportive Services - Professional **FINANCIAL:** Charge \$25,000.00 to Law Services Budget Classification Fiscal Year 2004 00-210-000-10-1540


**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**  
The Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct 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 of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

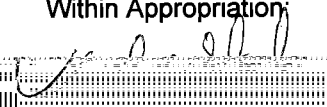
**Indebtedness -** The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995, (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

**Ethics -** The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995, (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time is hereby incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

**Contingent Liability -** The agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year shall be contingent upon the availability of funds in the current fiscal year.

Approved: 

JOHNSON  
Marilyn F. Johnson  
General Counsel

Within Appropriation:   
GOTSCH  
Chief Fiscal Officer

KENNETH C. GOTSCH