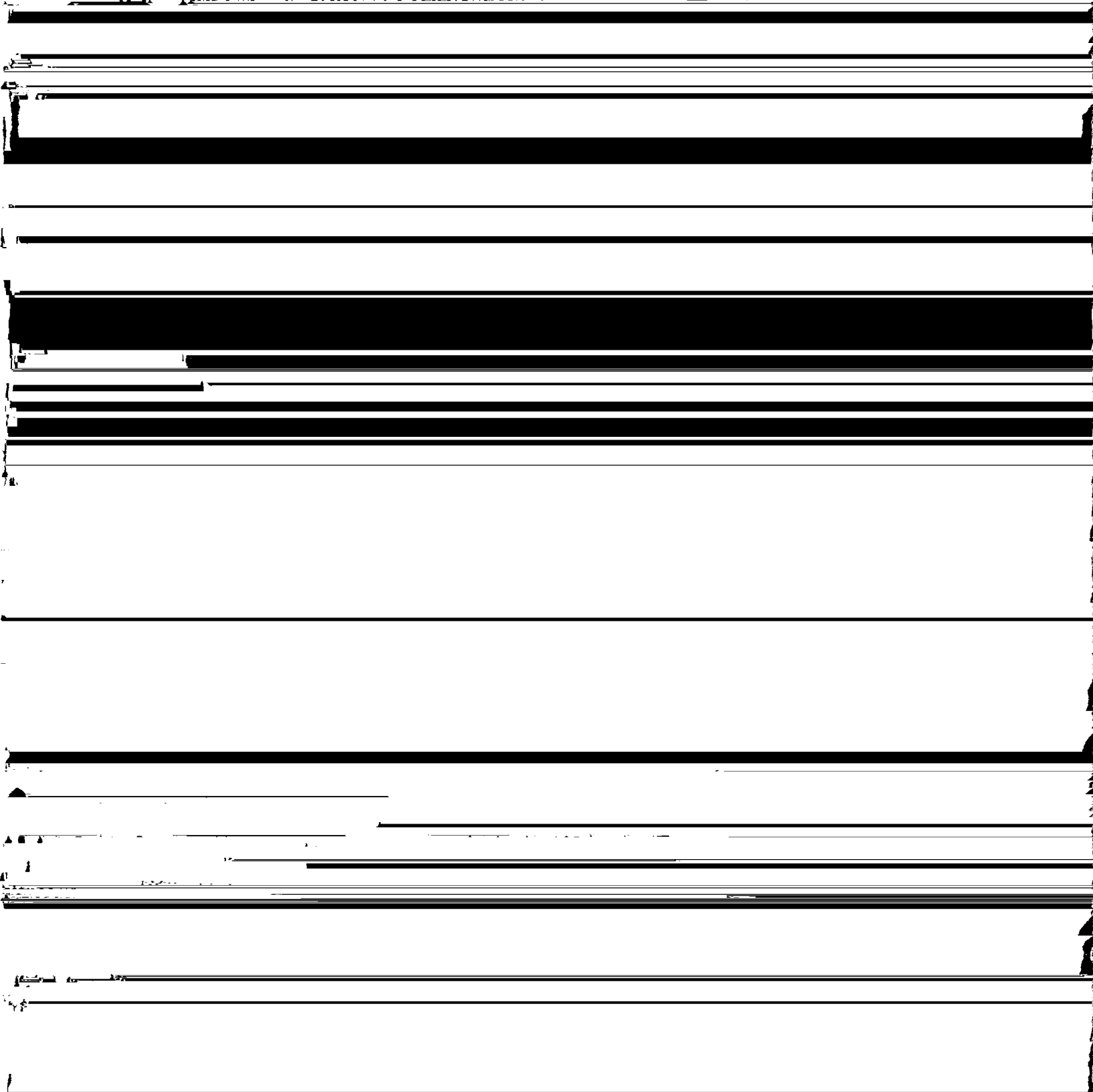


**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH OFFICE DEPOT, INC. AND SCHOOL SPECIALTY, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES**

**THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:**

Approve entering into agreements with Office Depot, Inc. and School Specialty, Inc. for the purchase of Educational Supplies by all area instructional offices, central office departments, and schools, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000,000 for the initial term of the agreement.



**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** This contract is in full compliance with the goals required by the Revised Remedial Plan for Minority and Women Business Enterprise Contract Participation (M/WBE Plan). The

The vendors have identified and scheduled the following firms and percentages:

**Office Depot**

Merchandise Distributors (AA)  
4253 North Kedzie Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois 60618

certified through 05/01/2007

**Total WBE – 5%**

Advantus Corp – 2.5%  
12276 San Jose Blvd.  
Suite 115  
Jacksonville, Florida 32223

certified through 09/14/2006

Baumgarten's – 2.5%

**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 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 June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 22, 2004 (04-0022-PO4), as amended from time to time