

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AGREEMENTS WITH EARLY LITERACY ASSESSMENT VENDORS
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve entering into agreements with early literacy assessment vendors to provide consulting services
to the Chief Education Officer at a cost not to exceed \$2,000,000.00. Consultants were selected through a

competitive Request for Proposals, Specification No: 09-250036. The Board is committed to providing valid, reliable formative assessments that inform instruction and improve student achievement. Currently, the majority of the Board's schools use a common formative literacy assessment that includes screening, progress monitoring, and diagnostic measures. The Chicago Public Schools is committed to ensuring that the Early Literacy Assessment project meets the needs of all schools and areas and is moving toward a "choice model" in Early Literacy Assessment. This model will allow the Board's schools to choose from a menu of approved Early Literacy Assessments so that they are using the assessment instruments that

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TERM: The term of each agreement shall commence on August 17, 2009 and shall end June 30, 2010. The agreements shall have two options to renew for periods of one year each.

EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT: The Board shall have the right to terminate each agreement with 30 days written notice.

SCOPE OF SERVICES: Consultants will provide the following as defined by each individual vendor agreement and statement of work.

- **Assessment Administration:** the capacity for the Board-defined number of schools to administer the given assessment
- **Professional Development:** All necessary professional development to meet the needs of Board-defined number of schools
- **Technology, Data Collection & Reporting:** Consultants will house all associated data and

reporting systems. Data and reports housed by Consultant and accessible by the Board. Consultants will provide all assessment raw data to Board in formats compatible with the Board's data systems

administer assessments to the Board defined number of students. (b) access to valid, reliable assessment

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