

**DEBARMENT OF JOHN COSICH**

**THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") fully and permanently debar John Cosich ("Cosich") from doing any business with the Board.

On June 19, 2009, the Board's Chief Purchasing Officer filed and served a Notice of Proposed Debarment ("Notice"), initiating a debarment proceeding against Cosich, part-owner of Proven Business Systems, LLC ("Proven") and Lake Effect Sales & Service, LLC ("Lake Effect"). The Notice asserted, among other things, that the names and vendor numbers of Proven and Lake Effect were used to create leases and submit invoices in order to lease items to the Board outside the bidding process and outside the scope of school principals' authority. The Notice also alleged that Proven and Lake Effect submitted or participated in the submission of invoices purported to be from other vendors for transactions in which

Proven was the actual vendor. Cosich received his copy of the Notice on June 22, 2009. The alleged conduct of Cosich was so egregious that the Notice sought to fully and permanently debar Cosich