

DEBARMENT OF PROVEN BUSINESS SYSTEMS, LLC

That the Board of Education of the City of Chicago ("Board") fully and permanently debars Proven Business Systems, LLC ("Proven") 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 Proven, which asserted, among other things, that Proven used its name and vendor number 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 submitted or participated in the submission of invoices purporting to be from other vendors for transactions in which Proven was the actual vendor. Proven received its copy of the Notice on June 22, 2009. The alleged conduct of Proven was so egregious that the Notice sought to fully and permanently debar Proven.

Section 4.5(d) of the Debarment Policy requires a vendor to submit a written, verified Answer to a Notice of Debarment within 28 days after receipt of the Notice, and provides that if a vendor fails to timely file