

**AUTHORIZE A NEW AGREEMENT WITH THE CHICAGO DEBATE COMMISSION FOR DEBATE SERVICES**

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

Authorize a new agreement with The Chicago Debate Commission to provide the development of curriculum, technical services and professional development to the Office of Teaching and Learning/Department of Academic Competitions at an estimated annual cost set forth in the Compensation Section of this report. Vendor was selected on a competitive basis pursuant to Board Rule 7-3. A written agreement for Vendor's services is currently being negotiated. No services shall be provided by Vendor and no payment shall be made to Vendor prior to the execution of their written agreement. The authority granted herein shall automatically rescind in the event a written agreement is not executed within 90 days of the date of this Board Report. Information pertinent to this agreement is stated below.

Specification Number : 22-251

Contract Administrator : Hinton-Knowles, Demetra / 773-553-2280

**VENDOR:**

- 1) Vendor # 29954  
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Ownership: Not-for-Profits

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**TERM:**

The term of this agreement shall commence on February 1, 2023 and shall end January 31, 2026. This agreement shall have two (2) options to renew for periods of one (1) year each.

**EARLY TERMINATION RIGHT:**

The Board shall have the right to terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

The vendor, in partnership with CPS, will assist the Office of Teaching and Learning/Academic Competitions with the debate program that will include curriculum, core files, research materials, debate materials, student and coach professional development, and supplies. Vendor will also secure tournament judges. The curriculum will be aligned with the national initiative and will provide debaters with the materials and support needed to excel academically and enhance critical thinking, research and analytical skills. Vendor will serve approximately 90 to 100 CPS schools (including high schools and middle schools) over the course of the three-year term.

Vendor shall provide support in each of the following service categories:

- Middle School Debate Technical Consultants
- High School Debate Technical Consultants
- Technical Administrative Consultants
- Middle School Debate Judges
- High School Debate Judges
- Tournament Awards
- Executive Management Support

**DELIVERABLES:**

The vendor will provide:

Consultants:

- Four consultants to the Middle School Debate during the debate seasons.
- Six consultants to the High School Debate during the debate seasons as directed by the Board.

Judges:

- 20 judges per tournament for High School Debate.
- 28 judges per tournament for Middle School Debate.

Tournament Awards:

- The vendor provides all awards throughout the Debate season for both middle school and high school participants.

Executive Management Support:

The vendor provides overall executive management for both Middle School and High School Debate for the support for the debate program as it relates to working with network chiefs, principals, and external partners (e.g., universities) year-round to communicate, advocate, and solicit support and involvement among key stakeholders and constituents.

The vendor services in this area are as follows:

- Consultation and coordination with the Office of Teaching and Learning/ Department of Academic Competitions;

- Principal outreach, updating, problem-solving, and reporting;
- Communication and advocacy for Chicago Debates within all CPS schools;
- External partner cultivation, engagement, and relationship-building;
- Development and implementation of participation increase strategy;
- Data Gathering, Assessment and Evaluation of all Chicago Debates activities.

**OUTCOMES:**

Vendor's services will result in the successful implementation of both Middle and High School debate services which are offered through the Office of Teaching and Learning/Academic Competitions. Students will increase literacy skills, analytical, critical thinking and research skills.

**COMPENSATION:**

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 May 25, 2011 (11-0525-PO2), as amended from time to time, shall be 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 is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

