

**APPROVE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LITTLE BLACK PEARL WORKSHOP
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

~~THE BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING REASONS:~~

Approve entering into an agreement with Little Black Pearl Workshop to provide consulting services to Specialized &

Alternative Safe Schools at a cost not to exceed \$246,191.00. Consultant was selected on a non-competitive basis. The Little Black Pearl Workshop has provided cultural and fine arts curricula to Chicago Public Schools since 1994. A

However, the Waiver Review Committee recommends that a partial waiver of the M/WBE participation goals for this contract:

specified by the Revised Remedial Plan be granted because the contract scope is not further divisible.

The vendor has however, identified and scheduled the following firms and percentages:

Total MBE 16%

Total African American 14%

Community INS. Center INC.
526 E.87st.
CHICAGO, IL 60619

Total ASIAN 2%

Mirza Baig & Company
333 N. Michigan. Suite 2032

Chicago, IL 60601

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: Charge to: Specialized Alternative Safe Schools - \$246,191.00 Fiscal Year: 2004