TO: Illinois State Board of Education
FROM: Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D., State Superintendent of Education
Susan Morrison, Deputy Superintendent of Education

Agenda Topic: Contract Exceeding $1 Million: Request to extend the contract for American Institutes for Research (AIR) formally known as Learning Point Associates (LPA) for $25,000

Staff Contact(s): Monique M. Chism, Ph.D., Division Administrator for Innovation and Improvement

Purpose of Agenda Item
The Division of Innovation & Improvement requests the Board to authorize the State Superintendent to extend the contract currently held AIR for an additional $25,000. The resulting contract will exceed $1 million over the term.

Relationship to/Implications for the State Board’s Strategic Plan
The 21st CCLC contract will support the following Board goal.

GOAL 1: Every student will demonstrate academic achievement and be prepared for success after high school.

Expected Outcome(s) of Agenda Item
This agenda item will be discussed in the Finance and Audit Committee and then called for a vote during the April Plenary Session. It is expected that the Board will authorize the State Superintendent to extend the contract subject to staff recommendations.

Background Information
The 21st Century Community Learning Centers program is authorized under Title IV, Part B, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Grants are made available from the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to state education agencies (SEAs) to provide subgrants to eligible entities. The grant supports the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. The program helps students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children.

The reauthorized federal legislation allows for up to three percent of the state’s annual allocation to be used for state-level activities that include monitoring and evaluating programs and related activities; providing capacity-building, training and technical assistance specific to grantees; comprehensively evaluating the effectiveness of programs and activities; and providing training.
and technical assistance to eligible organizations that are applicants for, or recipients of, awards.

The purpose of this contract is to provide technical assistance to the State and assist in the development of materials, and provide statewide technical assistance and professional development to 21st CCLC grantees. For activities involving the statewide evaluation, the contractor will be expected to work with the statewide evaluator that is hired under a separate contract.

**Financial Background**

On September 10, 2007 the Illinois State Board of Education entered into a contract with American Institutes for Research (A/K/A Learning Points Associates). The contract was procured through the use of a request for sealed proposal (RFSP) to provide technical assistance and monitoring of the 21st Century Learning Center grantees.

This request is to extend the current contract from July 1, 2012 through August 31, 2012. This extension will increase the maximum amount of the contract by $25,000. This amendment to the current contract will be funded by the Title IV Part B 21st Century Community Learning grant.

This contract did not contain a Business Enterprise Program (BEP) goal when bidding was conducted. The extension of this contract is to allow time to solicit a new contract. The new solicitation will contain a BEP goal.

The financial background of this contract is illustrated in the table below:

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**Effectiveness**

The impact of the 21st CCLC program is determined by examining seven goals and performance objectives which include:

1) student involvement in school activities;
2) student achievement;
3) positive behavioral changes in students;
4) community benefits;
5) expanded learning opportunities;
6) professional development opportunities for program personnel; and
7) efficient and effective use of funds.
The Division will work with the Technical Assistance Provider to support the 21st CCLC grantees in the achievement of the goals and objectives. The contractor will provide the following specific activities:

- **Activity 1**: State-Sponsored Workshops
- **Activity 2**: Technical Assistance and Professional Development
- **Activity 3**: Quality Assessment and Peer Advisors
- **Activity 4**: Development of Materials
- **Activity 5**: Data Gathering and Analysis
- **Activity 6**: Communication and Reporting

**Analysis and Implications for Policy, Budget, Legislative Action and Communications**

Policy Implications: None

Budget Implications: The 21st CCLC program is funded entirely by federal Title IV Part B 21st CCLC funds.

Legislative Action: None

Communication: None

**Superintendent’s Recommendation**

I recommend that the following motion be adopted:

The State Board hereby authorizes the Agency staff to extend the contract with the Regional American Institutes for Research (A/K/A Learning Points Associates) through August 31, 2012 and to increase the contract’s amount by $25,000 such that the total amount of the contract shall be $2,456,504. This contract is to provide technical assistance and monitoring of the 21st Century Learning Center grantees.

**Next Steps**

Upon Board authorization, Agency staff will post a notice of the sole source procurement on the Illinois Procurement Bulletin. When the posting requirements have been met agency staff will extend the current contract for 21st CCLC Technical Assistance for an additional $25,000.