Sacramento Public Library Authority

May 24, 2012

Agenda Item 12.0: Service Contract: Online Tutoring Services

TO: **Sacramento Public Library Authority Board Members**

FROM: **Nina Biddle, Library Materials Manager**

RE: **Service Contract: Online Tutoring Services**

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Adopt Resolution 12-22, A Resolution Approving a One-Year Renewal of the Professional Services Agreement with Brainfuse, Inc., for Online Tutoring Services

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

In 2008, the Sacramento Public Library Authority Board approved a five-year contract for tutoring services with Brainfuse, Inc. In reviewing usage statistics in May 2011, library staff determined the service was not cost effective and notified Brainfuse that the contract would be terminated. However, staff determined that this online resource would be a critical component of the Library's new Homework Center model, which uses volunteer Homework Coaches. A Request for Quotation was released on June 8, 2011 to identify online tutoring service vendors. Two vendors responded, including Brainfuse, Inc., which lowered its annual cost for online tutoring services to the Library by 17%. With its lower cost and robust product, Brainfuse was selected as the service provider. A one-year service contract was approved by the Authority Board on July 28, 2011.

Online learning opportunities such as these, and most critically homework help-- by enhancing and supplementing traditional homework assistance provided by schools and other institutions in Sacramento--play an important part in meeting the Library's strategic directions. Therefore, at this time, staff recommends exercising the renewal option on this agreement for an additional year of service at the same price as the first year.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution 12-22, A Resolution Approving a One-Year Renewal of the Professional Services Agreement with Brainfuse, Inc., for Online Tutoring Services

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RESOLUTION NO. 12-22

Adopted by the Governing Board of the Sacramento Public Library Authority on the date of:

MAY 24, 2012

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A ONE-YEAR RENEWAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRAINFUSE, INC., FOR ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

1. A one-year renewal of the Professional Services Agreement with Brainfuse, Inc., is approved in an amount not to exceed $62,000.

2. The Library Director is authorized to sign all documents related to this contract within the approved terms and consistent with the requirements of the Authority's Contracts and Procurement Policy.

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Sophia Scherman, Chair

ATTEST:

Rivkah K. Sass, Secretary

By:_____
Brenda Haggard, Assistant Secretary

ATTACHMENTS:
None