



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street
Chicago, IL

Legislation Text

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PROPOSED AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Department of Real Estate Management

Other Part(ies): Bright Horizons Children's Centers, Watertown, Massachusetts

Request: Authorization to extend for five (5) years, an operational agreement

Good(s) or Service(s): Bright Horizons is responsible for the operation of the Cook County/City of Chicago Child Development Center, located in the George W. Dunne Office Building at 69 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Agreement period: The initial Contract for Service Document (the "Operating Agreement") was approved by the Board of Commissioners on 3/8/2001. The Board approved a five (5) year renewal on 4/5/2006. The Board approved an additional five (5) year term on 5/17/2011. The current contract expires 5/31/2016. The Extension Period will be 6/1/2016 - 5/31/2021.

Fiscal Impact: Revenue Generating

Accounts: N/A

Agreement Number(s): Contract No. 01-41-806

Summary: Bright Horizons Children's Centers was selected to operate the center through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process in 2001. The Center opened in 2001, and since that time has provided high-quality early childhood education to approximately 112 children aged six weeks through five years. In 2012, Bright Horizons completed the lengthy process of obtaining accreditation through NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children). This status is achieved by only 8 % of centers nationwide, and is indicative of a highly professional educational and caring environment. NAEYC Accreditation is granted to the operator, not the center, and would be lost if Bright Horizons ceased operating the center. Based upon Bright Horizons Children's Center exceptional performance to date, and the best interests of the families enrolled in the Center, it is the recommendation of the Joint Oversight Committee that an extension of the contract for five (5) years be approved.