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To: City Colleges of Chicago Procurement Services

Regarding: EDU Africa Sole Source Justification

[EDU Africa | Transformative Learning Journeys | Faculty-led | Study Abroad \(edu-africa.com\)](#)

EDU Africa develops programs that give students access to experiential learning scenarios, high-caliber industry and academic professionals, and sustainable community initiatives. We have four regional offices in Ghana, Kenya, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. As an organization rooted in Africa, our strong community connections within the regions we work in enable us to offer clients access to quality, sustainable, and unique experiences that others will not be able to match. Our African contextual understanding is complemented by many years of deep experience with U.S. institutions, their learners, and the associated cultural considerations. Our Program Designers have a wealth of experience in working with educators and drawing on extensive local networks to ensure that student learning outcomes are achieved practically on the ground. Given our comprehensive experience, we have the depth and breadth of the operations savoir-fare required to successfully deliver the aforementioned programming.

All EDU Africa programs are implemented by trained and trusted program facilitators who provide 24-hour on-location support. These facilitators are sourced and carefully selected from the relevant region to ensure that they can effectively meet specific program themes and needs. We have a sound safety and security framework in place to protect our valued participants and conduct risk assessments so that group leaders can be well-informed and up-to-date. Our Child Protection Policy is comprehensive and based on the United Nations standards. Due to our hands-on approach and many years of experience, we have a credible record of no serious incidents during our programs.

In June 2023 Malcolm X College participated in our international voyage to Ghana in partnership with Oakton Community College. Due to the overwhelming success and the familiarity of the streamlined process that EDU Africa provides, Malcolm X College is planning its own study abroad program for staff and students in 2024. EDU Africa is requesting approval as a sole source vendor for Malcolm X College to provide the same support for this upcoming study-abroad program as we did for the said program in June 2023.

Sincerely,



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