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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508  
County of Cook and State of Illinois

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UPGRADE OF INTERACTIVE VIDEOCONFERENCING EQUIPMENT  
PROGRAMS FOR THE MILITARY  
WASHINGTON COLLEGE

COUNTY OF COOK  
AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that since 1969 Washington College has provided degree and certificate programs for the military and civilian employees under a contract with the U.S. Department of Defense; and

that in May 1995, Washington College began transmitting interactive video courses from O'Hare Air Force Reserve [AFR] Base to U. S. forces stationed in the Sinai Desert in Egypt, and that in March 1996, Washington College began sending courses to three sites in Bosnia, Hungary, and Macedonia; and

that due to the closure of the O'Hare AFR Base, Washington College purchased an interactive video classroom from Ameritech, the state contract awardee for this equipment, which was authorized in Board Report #19115 dated 3-7-96; and

that the U.S. DOD is upgrading their telecommunications equipment to a new platform and it is necessary that equipment used in the delivery of programs by Washington College be upgraded to the same level; and

that a price quotation in the amount of \$24,500.00 was obtained from Ameritech, the current state contract awardee for this equipment on contract TCVS -03-98; and that Ameritech has offered competitive prices, and that it is desirable to award this order to one firm for the total system, making that firm responsible for installation and compatibility with military equipment overseas; and

that telecommunications equipment purchases are exempt from competitive bidding and District M/WBE requirements.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees approves the issuance of a purchase order in the total amount of \$24,500.00 to Ameritech Custom Business Services, Inc., Westchester, Illinois, for the equipment necessary to upgrade the interactive video classroom at Washington College dedicated to delivery of courses to the Programs for the Military.

FINANCIAL

\$24,500.00 -- Programs for the Military Grant

Respectfully submitted:

Wayne D. Watson  
Chancellor

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