

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

Nursing Comprehensive Testing Services  
Daley, Kennedy-King, Malcolm X, Olive-Harvey and Truman Colleges

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that it is the policy of the City Colleges of Chicago to administer a nationally normed comprehensive exam to each of the A.D.N. nursing students before they are allowed to graduate, and

that the nursing chairpersons have voted to use the nationally normed computerized test from Health Education Systems, Inc., (HESI); and

that they have further voted to provide a practice exam at mid-term so that students have time to assess and remediate their weaknesses before the comprehensive examination; the price of the exams is \$28.00 per student; and

that this purchase of testing software is exempt from the District's competitive bid requirements.

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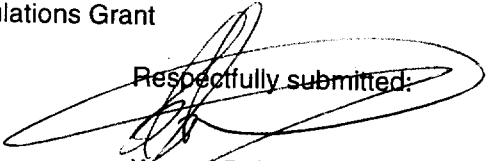
RECOMMENDS

that Health Education Systems, Inc., be engaged to deliver the comprehensive exam for Fall 1999, Spring 2000, and Summer 2000, as well as review examinations for the fall and spring semesters, at an approximate cost of \$16,500.

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\$16,500 – Fund 5 – Special Populations Grant

Respectfully submitted:

  
Wayne D. Watson  
Chancellor

October 7, 1999

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President

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WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENT

Board Rules state that it is the general policy of the District to use competitive bidding procedures to select professional service consultants. Section 4 of the Board Rules lists situations in which a waiver of competitive procedure is possible. In order to retain a consultant without competitive procedures, this waiver form must be completed and approved by the College President, the appropriate Vice Chancellor, or the Chancellor.

**Brief Description:**

The City Colleges of Chicago nursing policy requires that students take and pass a comprehensive examination before they are allowed to receive their A.D.N. degree and sit for their licensure examination. In addition, the nursing chairpersons have voted to hold a practice examination at mid-term so that students are able to determine their weaknesses and remediate them before the comprehensive examination.

**Type of Service:**

Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) offers a nationally-normed computerized comprehensive examination.

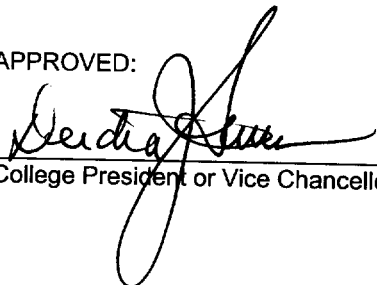
**Reason that Competitive Bidding is not appropriate:**

1. There are only four nationally-normed comprehensive exams that this office is aware of: National League for Nursing (NLN), Educational Resources Testing Service, Mosby, and HESI. The NLN and the Educational Resources Testing Service examinations have been used with our students in the past with unsatisfactory results. The Mosby takes nearly an entire day, much longer than any other exam. That leaves HESI.
2. The HESI examination has two further advantages. First, it is computerized, so students receive their score immediately upon completion of the test. Second, it is secured. That means we can administer it at mid-term as a practice examination and then order a new examination for the comprehensive examination. It will be an equivalent examination covering all areas of nursing, but, because of their extensive test-item pool, it will contain questions that the students haven't seen before.
3. The price (\$28/student) is comparable to other comprehensive examinations.

  
Person Initiating Request

  
Department

APPROVED:

  
College President or Vice Chancellor

Date September 23, 1999