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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508

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County of Cook and State of Illinois

COUNTY OF COOK  
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BLACKBOARD INTEGRATED SINGLE-SERVER LICENSE AGREEMENT  
FOR ALL COLLEGES

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that in Board Report 21777, dated February 3, 2000, the Board approved a license agreement through January 2001, for access by Harold Washington College's Center for Distance Learning, to Blackboard's single-server Internet course management system, hosted by Blackboard, Inc. of Washington, D.C. for \$30,000 plus a \$1,000/month hosting service fee; Blackboard is a web-based publishing system specifically designed to assist faculty in creating online communities to support classes and enhance the learning experiences of students; for example Blackboard enables faculty to:

- Post syllabi to the web;
- Add information about their courses, such as office hours and names of teaching assistants;
- Add hyperlinks to external web sites;
- Add documents for students to download;
- Record grades on-line
- Create e-mail listservs for their students;
- Hold online chats for their classes; and
- Administer online tests and exams;
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that Blackboard, Inc. has submitted a proposal to extend the Blackboard license throughout the District to each of our seven Colleges; provide unlimited instructor and faculty e-mail and phone technical support; and provide up to two (2) days of training services for a cost not to exceed \$60,000, including travel and lodging expenses related to training, for the period of October 2000 through February 2002; in addition, Blackboard, Inc. will provide free software migration and installation support;

that OIT staff has researched Blackboard products, similar software systems, and Blackboard's proposal and has determined that Blackboard's software product and its proposal are reasonable and acceptable; OIT staff recommends approval of the integrated single-server Blackboard license agreement for the period of October 2000 through February 2002; this software license is exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees approves the License Agreement for access to the Blackboard software, technical support and training services for our seven Colleges, for a cost not to exceed \$60,000, including travel and lodging expenses related to training, for the period of October 2000 through February 2002; and authorizes the Chairman and Assistant Secretary to execute said License Agreement on behalf of the Board.

FINANCE: \$60,000.00 - Educational Fund

Respectfully submitted:

Wayne D. Watson  
Chancellor

October 5, 2000