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

U. S. COMMUNITIES GOVERNMENT PURCHASING ALLIANCE
ALL COLLEGES AND DISTRICT OFFICE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that staff has researched and requests approval to participate in the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance (US Communities); the Association of School Business Officials International (ABSIO), the National Association of Counties (NACo), the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), the National League of Cities (NLC) and the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) jointly sponsor the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance; designed in cooperation with an Advisory Board of local government purchasing officials, US Communities pools the purchasing power of public agencies, achieves bulk volume discounts on behalf of public agencies, competitively solicits quality products through a lead public agency and provides purchasing opportunities for public agencies nationwide; and

that the following product categories (vendors) are available to the District on a non-exclusive basis through several Master Agreements: Office Supplies (Office Depot), Industrial Supplies (Grainger), Office Furniture (Haworth, Herman Miller, Knoll, Steelcase), Computers (Insight, IBM, Comp USA, Micronpc, Gateway, Software Spectrum), Janitorial Supplies (Zep Manufacturing), Electrical/Data Comm (Graybar), and Tools & Mat'l Handling (Hughes Supply); and

that participation in US Communities would increase opportunities for economical purchasing in the various product areas (where there is not an exclusive contract in place); and that purchases through US Communities are exempt from CCC's competitive bidding processes by statute (contracts for goods and services procured from another governmental agency); approval is recommended.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS that the Board of Trustees authorize completion of the registration forms to allow CCC to participate in the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance on an as-needed basis throughout the periods of the existing product agreements.

FINANCIAL As-Needed – Educational and Grant Funds

DISTRICT OFFICE REVIEWS & DATES SIGNED:

Purchasing
Date 2/27/03

Treasurer
M. Spivey

Legal
W.P.

Board Office
A. Wallace

Admin. Svcs.
Date

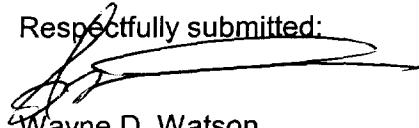
HR

Finance
Date 2/27-2/28-03

Marketing
Date

WYCC
Date

Respectfully submitted:



Wayne D. Watson
Chancellor

March 6, 2003