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

CONSULTANT SERVICES - TEST PREP CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT
TRUMAN MIDDLE COLLEGE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that per the guidelines of Supplemental General State Aid (SGSA)/Chapter I, there is a need to contract with a curriculum specialist agency that will develop test preparation curriculum to increase scores of Middle College students on the State mandated PSAE/ACT; and

that the goals of the identified agency are to assist the faculty at Truman Middle College High School in improving test preparation instruction, and assist with the development of curriculum and lesson plans to achieve a more effective test preparation program at the Middle College; the proposed contract would serve 40 students for a total of 100 instructional hours; and

that the Middle College has received and recommends approval of the proposal from Cambridge Educational Services, Des Plaines, IL to perform this work during the period of April 11, 2005 through June 30, 2005 for a total cost of \$35,000; college staff obtained quotations from Sylvan and Kaplan Learning Centers and found that their hourly rates were approximately twice the cost of Cambridge for the PSAE/ACT preparation classes; and

that this purchase of professional services is exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees authorize the Chairman to enter into an agreement with Cambridge Educational Services for the period of April 11, 2005 through June 30, 2005 to provide instructional services, curriculum development, educational materials, and assessment tools to improve PSAE/ACT test preparation for a period of 100 hours for the total amount of \$35,000.00.

FINANCIAL

\$35,000.00 - SGSA - Youth Connection Charter Schools

Respectfully Submitted

Wayne D. Watson
Chancellor

April 7, 2005