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

AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH
BLACKBOARD INC.
FOR SOFTWARE LICENSES AND HOSTING SERVICES
ALL COLLEGES
(Amend Board Report 26107, dated March 31, 2004)

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that in Board Report 26107, dated March 31, 2004, the Board approved a license agreement for district-wide access to Blackboard's single-server Internet course management system with hosting services by Blackboard Inc.; and

that 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;
- Create e-mail listservs for their students;
- Hold online chats for their classes;
- Administer online tests and exams; and

that Blackboard, Inc. has submitted a proposal to provide hosting services and extend the Blackboard license including maintenance and support for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 for a cost not to exceed \$124,000.00; and

that OIT staff has determined that Blackboard's software product and its proposal are reasonable and acceptable, and recommends approval of the Blackboard license agreement for the period indicated above and this software license is exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements; and

the Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above referenced amendment to an existing agreement and has determined that licensure approval is outside the policies and procedures for M/WBE participation, and

that the expenditure for these services is funded through the Office of Information Technology FY06 Operational budget.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees approve the negotiation and the amendment of the agreement with Blackboard Inc. for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 for hosting services and the Blackboard license including support and maintenance in a total amount not to exceed \$124,000.00 and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute any documents pertaining to this amendment.

FINANCE:

\$124,000.00 – Educational Fund – # 50800-0023001

Respectfully submitted:

Wayne D. Watson
Chancellor

June 9, 2005