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

BLACKBOARD INC.  
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
DISTRICT OFFICE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that the colleges use the Blackboard Academic System which is a web-based publishing system specifically designed to assist faculty in creating online communities to support classes and enhance the learning experience of our students; and

that the district requires technical expertise from the software developer, Blackboard Inc. to integrate the Blackboard Academic System with City Colleges LDAP directory services to automate the student account creation process which will enable students to use the same account name and password to access both the Blackboard system and the student self service features of the PeopleSoft Student system; and

that Blackboard, Inc. has submitted a proposal to provide professional services for the period April 10, 2006 through June 30, 2006 to implement LDAP directory services at a cost not exceed \$69,515.80 including expenses; and

that OIT staff has determined that Blackboard's proposal is reasonable and acceptable, and recommends approval of a professional service agreement as indicated above; and

that this professional service agreement is exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements; and

that the Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above referenced agreement and because the Blackboard Academic System is already in place and provides these services with their own staff and has informed this office that they do not use subcontractors for the conduct of these services, it has been determined that a request for MBE and WBE waiver from compliance with the Board approved Participation Plan be granted.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees approve an agreement with Blackboard Inc. for professional services for the period April 10, 2006 through June 30, 2006 to implement LDAP connectivity with the Blackboard software at a cost not to exceed \$69,515.80 including expenses and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute any documents pertaining to this agreement.

FINANCIAL

Not to exceed \$69,515.80 - Educational Fund - # 50800-0023001

Respectfully submitted:

Wayne D. Watson  
Chancellor

April 6, 2006 - District Office -Office of Information Technology