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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
LEARNING RESOURCES NETWORK  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
ALL COLLEGES

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that it is necessary to improve the performance of the continuing education departments throughout the District; and

that Learning Resources Network (LERN) is the only national organization focusing specifically on continuing education with full time professionals devoted exclusively to consulting with continuing education departments; and

that LERN has the only benchmarks for the field of continuing education, including the Certified Program Planner (CPP), financial format, and Program Review and Audit; and

that LERN provides the most advanced, intensive, practical how-to information in continuing education, with information not otherwise available; and

that consequently, the Office of Academic Affairs is requesting approval to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the Learning Resources Network to undertake an extensive and comprehensive review and audit of the seven continuing education programs at City Colleges of Chicago in an amount not to exceed \$58,000; and

that the purpose of the review is both to provide Academic Affairs an understanding of the effectiveness of the continuing education department on each campus, and to provide the continuing education departments with recommendations for program improvement; and

that this agreement for professional services is exempt from District competitive bidding requirements; and

that the Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above referenced professional services agreement and has determined that since the review and audit services are performed by its own staff and therefore no opportunities for M/WBE subcontractors, it is recommended that a full waiver from compliance be granted.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees authorize the Chairman to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the Learning Resources Network, in an amount not to exceed to \$58,000 to perform a comprehensive review and audit of the seven continuing education programs of City Colleges of Chicago beginning April 7, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

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Not to exceed \$58,000 - Educational Fund 00003 0015501 10000 590000

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne D. Watson  
Chancellor