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

VOCATIONAL COURSE DEVELOPMENT
JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES
TRUMAN COLLEGE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that there is a need for Truman College to develop vocational curriculum courses geared toward unemployed and underemployed adults with low skills; and

that Truman College recommends approval to enter into a professional service agreement with the Jewish Vocational Services (JVS), a firm with 18 years of experience developing such courses and have both an extensive library of materials available in the field of vocational adult education, for a period of April 7, 2006 through June 30, 2006 in an amount not-to-exceed \$12,000; and

that the target participants are incumbent workers who have at least a 9th grade reading level and if they are limited English speakers, have at least an English Student Proficiency Level(SPL) of 6 and Combined English Language Skills Assessment (CELSA) of at least 55; and

that the JVS services will include:

- Providing services in partnership with City Colleges of Chicago to develop an on-line course for adult learners who need remediation to succeed in college level courses to prepare for and enter a degree or certificate program in a healthcare field, such as nursing.
- Providing an on-line course for remediation in English and Mathematics in the context of, and with an introduction to healthcare careers and/or a certification course.
- Provision of a project manager for the planning and development phase of the project, whose duties will include: hire and supervise a staff person to research available on-line educational products ; plan, convene and conduct meetings of all project partners; develop a timeframe with measurable outcomes; assign, monitor and follow-up on tasks of various partners including JVS in the course development; share all research with appropriate partners and agencies and keep them informed on progress; complete a usable on-line course;

that this agreement for professional services is exempt from District's 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 similar services to Truman College are based on a previous ICCB Partnership grant and since such a prior relationship has caused a return to Jewish Vocational Services, and that there are no opportunities for M/WBE subcontracting, it is recommended that a full waiver from compliance with the Board approved Participation Plan be granted.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board OF Trustees authorize the Chairman to enter into an Agreement with the Jewish Vocational Services, Chicago IL to provide the professional services outlined above for the period of April 7, 2006 through June 30, 2006 in an amount not-to-exceed \$12,000.

FINANCIAL

Not to exceed-\$12,000- Educational Fund 00003 4070000 10000 00000 530000

Respectfully submitted:

Wayne D. Watson
Chancellor

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