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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508 - JUNE 8, 2006
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
County of Cook and State of Illinois

Professional Services - Research for Program Development
District Office

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that it is necessary to utilize the services of consultant T. Shawn Taylor for research and reporting on "Minority Participation in the Skilled Trades: An Economic Impact Analysis;" and "Minority Contractors: Building Capacity in the Construction Industry in Metro Chicago;" and

that Ms. Taylor has extensive knowledge and resources for investigation of labor related matters; and

The "economic impact" report will describe the economic impact on families, communities and the region (Cook County), as well as the social benefits, if City Colleges of Chicago were to train and facilitate access to construction industry jobs for 200 students per year; and

that drawing from wage, employment and construction industry data dating back 10 to 15 years or more, the report will describe what the economic impact would have been had 200 City Colleges students (the majority of them African-American) gained access to construction industry jobs. In addition, the report will forecast the economic impact of training 200 students per year over the next 10 years; and

that the "building capacity" report will examine the hardships faced by minority- and women-owned construction contractors seeking to do business within the City of Chicago. This report will include an overview of City Colleges' construction industry entrepreneurship program; and

that through interviews and research, Ms. Taylor will provide analysis of the workforce, the social impact of high unemployment in minority communities and the mitigating factors that impact wages and skilled trade persons' ability to find and maintain employment in the construction industry; and

that the findings of the 10 to 15 page economic impact report and the 30 to 45 page "building capacity" report shall support CCC efforts to grow the CCC Construction Technology program, which is a district-wide initiative at Dawson Institute of Kennedy-King College; and that the completed written reports shall be the property of CCC for release to elected officials and other interested parties; and

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

that the Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above referenced professional services agreement and has determined that since T. Shawn Taylor is a specialist and experienced in researching construction industry data, and there are non MBE or WBE subcontractors for this project, it is recommended that T. Shawn Taylor be granted a waiver from compliance with the board approved participation plan.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees enter into agreement with T. Shawn Taylor for professional services including but not limited to research, interviews / consulting with economists, and writing the two reports described above; during the period of June 15, 2006 through October 15, 2006 for an amount not to exceed \$34,000.

FINANCIAL

Not to exceed \$34,000. 00003-0015505-00000-80000-530000 Education Fund
Respectfully submitted,

Wayne D. Watson
Chancellor

June 8, 2006- Marketing – District Office