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

ACCREDITATION REVIEW SERVICES
VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT
HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that there is a need to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the Council on Quality and Leadership (The Council) for an accreditation review of the Office of Vocational Training and Development (OVTD) at Washington College; and that OVTD is *grant funded* by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS); and that IDHS *requires* all programs funded through their Office of Developmental Disabilities to be accredited by an approved national accrediting organization; and

that The Council has previously accredited OVTD five times and was *selected* of the four national organizations based on their high standards of ensuring quality services for persons with developmental disabilities; and that the accreditation review services are professional services and are *exempt* from the District's competitive bidding requirements; that the services to be included are, the establishment of short and long term objectives for the organization toward accreditation and overall quality enhancement, short term and ongoing consultation, technical assistance throughout the accreditation period and a final report including the recommendation for accreditation. Additionally all application fees, business and travel expenses are included; and

that the actual accreditation review will take place from March 21st to 24th 2006 and the final report will be released by April 1, 2006 to ensure there is no lapse in accreditation; and

that the Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above referenced professional services agreement and is recommending that The Council be granted a waiver from compliance with the Board approved Participation Plan.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chairman to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with The Council during the period of March 21, 2006 through March 24, 2006 for an amount not to exceed \$14,000.

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Not to exceed \$14,000 -Carl Perkins Grant
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Respectfully submitted,

Wayne D. Watson
Chancellor

March 8, 2006 -- Harold Washington College