

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

WILBUR WRIGHT COLLEGE
ACT TESTING

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that as part of its on-going project to assess the effectiveness of its cross-curricular general education goals, Wright College will randomly test approximately 1700 students using the ACT Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) as its assessment instrument; and

that the test will assess students critical thinking skill, students ability to read and comprehend college-level material, the development of quantitative reasoning skill in math and science, and comprehensive writing skills; and

that students are randomly selected from targeted courses in English 102, Math 118, and 200-level science courses (Biology, Chemistry, and Physical Sciences), as well as social sciences and the humanities/literature; the testing and survey activities will take place during Wright College's third annual assessment week, March 27-31, 2006; and

that the estimated costs for the testing and survey are as follow:

- Critical Thinking (Reading, Math Science) 1240 tests @ \$10.75/ea-\$13,330;
- Writing- 500 tests @ 11.55/ea-\$5,775
- Participation Fee- \$350; Linkage Fee-\$300; C.D's-\$40.00
- Reports 11 @ \$32.00/ea-\$352; Content Reports 4 @ \$75.00/ea-\$300; and

that staff recommends approval for the purchase of the ACT tests, surveys, and reports which ACT has proposed for a total cost of \$20,447; any unused testing materials will be returned to ACT and the College will not be charged; and

that this sole source purchase is exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements; and

that the Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above referenced assessment opportunity and has determined that since the requested assessment services are provided by ACT staff and there are no opportunities for subcontracting in this project, it is recommended that a waiver from MBE and WBE compliance with the Board approved Participation Plan be granted.

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RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees authorize the Chairman to approve the issuance of a purchase order in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,447 to ACT, Iowa City, Iowa, for the purchase of the required testing material and services.

FINANCIAL

\$20,447- Educational Fund 541900 00003 7000450

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne D. Watson
Chancellor