

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

TESTING MATERIALS
ALL COLLEGES

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that there is a need to purchase various testing materials which include but are not limited to the T.A.B.E. test, G.E.D. Practice test, and B.E.S.T. test, B.E.S.T. Plus for Adult Education and other educational units for the District; and

that based on the state requirements for testing and materials the staff recommends approval to purchase the various testing materials which are procurable only through the vendors listed through June 30, 2007:

Association of Classroom Teachers Testers	\$ 10,500
Mid-American Publishers	\$ 15,000
Curriculum Publications Clearinghouse	\$ 40,000
CTB/McGraw Hill	\$100,000
Steck Vaughn	\$100,000
Scantron	<u>\$150,000</u>
Total	\$415,500

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 purchase of various testing materials and has determined that since it is a sole source and there are no MBE or WBE vendors who have the capability to produce such testing materials, it is recommended that the above vendors: Association of Classroom Teachers Testers, Mid-American Publishers, Curriculum Publications Clearinghouse, Scantron, CTB/McGraw Hill, and Steck Vaughn be granted a waiver from compliance with the Board approved Participation Plan.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees approve the issuance of purchase orders on as needed basis to the vendors identified above for the purchase of the required testing materials through June 30, 2007 in a total amount not to exceed \$415,500.

FINANCIAL

Not to exceed \$415,500 – Educational and/or Grant Funds – Various Colleges-Account 540000

Respectfully submitted:

Wayne D. Watson
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