

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

**SCIENTIFIC LEARNING  
SOFTWARE AND TRAINING SERVICES  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

**THE CHANCELLOR**

**REPORTS**

that the City Colleges of Chicago has extended the partnership with the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) to provide instructional preparation for CHA residents to transition them to enroll in vocational or career programs beginning summer 2007; and

that this year the focus is to serve CHA residents testing at the developmental level by providing a series of aggressive skills building workshops designed to positively impact their reading and cognitive skills in addition to Memory, Attention, Processing, and Sequencing skills (MAPS) through the use of the Scientific Learning – Fast Forward software; and

Fast Forward has been proven to be an effective intervention strategy to accelerate the learning process through a series of neuroscience principles used within a specific schedule to stimulate brain plasticity, resulting in a dramatic change in brain functions, thus achieving universal literacy. Purchase of Fast Forward software would enable immediate use with CHA program participants identified as deficient in critical academic skills to positively impact their academic success, and successfully prepare them to bridge into vocational programs at an accelerated rate; and

that the purchase of the Scientific Learning Fast Forward Literacy software to be utilized for 4 six month sessions includes 9 shared days of training at a total cost : \$48,300;and

that the Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above referenced extended partnership with the Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) utilizing the Fast Forward software for the advancement of literacy skills in CHA housing facilities, and because this software is so specialized, it is recommended that a waiver from compliance with the Board approved Participation Plan be approved.

**THE CHANCELLOR**

**RECOMMENDS**

that the Board of Trustees approve a contract with Scientific Learning for the purchase of Fast Forward Literacy and Literacy Advanced educational programs software and training services to at a cost not to exceed \$48,300.

**FINANCIAL**

\$48,300 Educational Fund -00003 -0000117-10001-01000  
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Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne D. Watson,  
Chancellor

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