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ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508  
DECEMBER 6, 2007

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

TESTING MATERIAL  
Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP)  
Wright College

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 test a stratified random sample of students enrolled in courses that have as their student learning outcomes the development of critical thinking skills, the ability to read and comprehend college-level material, the development of quantitative reasoning skills in math and science, and the ability to write so that the expectations of appropriate audiences in the academic, public and private sectors are met. The targeted courses include sections of English 102, math 118 and above, and 200-level courses in the sciences (biology, chemistry, and physical sciences), the social sciences, and humanities/literature. Approximately 1,700 students will be tested; and

that the college will use the ACT Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP) as its assessment instrument. All testing and survey activities will take place during Wright College's fourth annual assessment week, March 31 – April 5, 2007. Estimated costs for the testing and survey are listed in the table below. Please note that unused testing instruments will be returned to ACT and the college will not be charged for them.

Assessment of Student Outcomes  
ACT Testing

Assessment Instruments	Students/Qty.	Price	Cost
Critical Thinking	300	\$13.00	\$ 3,900.00
Reading	300	13.00	3,900.00
Math	175	13.00	2,275.00
Science	175	13.00	2,275.00
Writing Essay	300	13.00	3,900.00
Linkage Fee	1	300.00	300.00
Reports	13 (3 free)	33.00	330.00
Content Analysis	5	75.00	375.00
CD	1	44.00	44.00
Estimated Shipping			201.00
			\$17,500.00

that this sole source purchase is exempt form the District's competitive bidding procedures; and

that the Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above referenced ACT testing materials and since these materials are proprietary and ACT Testing, Inc. is the sole source for these materials and there are no subcontracting opportunities for MBE or WBE vendors, it is recommended that a waiver from direct compliance with the Board approved Participation Plan be granted.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustee approve the issuance of a purchase order to ACT Testing, Inc. in the amount of \$17,500.00 for the cost of the assessment materials for Wright College.

FINANCIAL

\$17,500.00 – 00003-7010050-00036-12121-0000000-538100

Respectfully Submitted:

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Chancellor

December 6, 2007 – Wright College