

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

**PURCHASE OF OPTICAL EQUIPMENT FOR TRUMAN COLLEGE  
CHEMICAL STUDIO**

**THE CHANCELLOR**

**REPORTS**

that there is a need to purchase optical equipment including a VIS-NIR Spectrometer, UV Spectrometer, accessories, and license key to support the existing Chemistry Curriculum at Truman College; and

that specifications were prepared by District Procurement staff, publicly advertised, and mailed to seven (7) vendors, a pre-bid conference was held on September 5th, 2007, the following responsive and responsible bids were received from two firms: VWR International, Batavia IL; PASCO Scientific, Roseville, CA; and

Firm	Initial Cost	Shipping/ Handling	Discount	Total Bid
VWR International Batavia, IL	\$47,576.20	FOB Destination	Applied	\$47,576.20
PASCO Scientific Walnut Creek, CA	\$50,439.00	INCL	N/A	\$50,439.00

that the District Office staff have reviewed the bid results submitted by the responsive low bidder, VWR International, Batavia IL, and have determined that this firm meets the specifications; and

that the Office of M/WBE has reviewed the above referenced optical equipment purchase and since VWR International has submitted a letter explaining their due diligence in identifying a certified MBE or WBE for direct or indirect participation on this project and were unsuccessful, it is recommended that a waiver from compliance with the Board approved Participation Plan be granted.

**THE CHANCELLOR**

**RECOMMENDS**

that the Board of Trustees approves the issuance of a purchase order to, VWR International, for the purchase of the spectrometers, accessories and license key for the chemical studio at Truman College, for an amount not to exceed \$47,576.20 in accordance with the specifications of Sealed Bid # DT0707 dated August 30, 2007.

**FINANCIAL**

\$47,576.20 - Title V Cooperative Grant  
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Respectfully submitted:

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Chancellor