

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

ACT TESTING
ALL COLLEGES

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that City Colleges plans to use two forms of assessment from ACT over the course of Fiscal Year 2009: 1) COMPASS computer-adaptive testing for credit student placement and credit student placement and ability-to-benefit in those situations in which computer-based testing is not appropriate; and

that COMPASS testing will cost \$470/site license for each of the eight sites (the seven colleges plus Dawson), plus a cost of \$1.15 per unit, with the average student using 7.9 units, and the ASSET paper-and-pencil testing will also cost an annual \$470/site license for each of the eight sites, plus \$2.95 per student answer booklet when purchased via ACT, and \$1.15 per unit, when purchased through the Illinois ACT COMPASS/ESL buying consortium sponsored by South Suburban College; and

that buying through the consortium, which consists of 23 community colleges and universities, will enable the consortium to buy at the lowest bulk rate; and that South Suburban College will bill each college and university for orders placed; and

that due to an increase in the use of COMPASS/ESL administration units for placement, internet, and exit testing, there is a need to purchase 300,000 units for distribution to the seven colleges and Dawson Technical Institute with a total cost of \$345,000; and

that sole source purchases are exempt from District competitive bidding requirements; and

that the Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above referenced AGT forms of testing and student placement, and recommends that a waiver from compliance with the Board approved Participation Plan be granted.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees approve the issuance of a purchase order to South Suburban College to purchase both forms of testing services to all colleges and Dawson Technical from July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 at a total cost of \$351,580 through the ACT Buying Consortium Project sponsored by South Suburban College.

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\$351,580 - Education Fund – 539100-00003-0000126-00029

Respectfully submitted

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