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ADOPTED - BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508  
JUNE 5, 2008

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

AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH  
BLACKBOARD INC.  
FOR SOFTWARE LICENSES AND HOSTING SERVICES  
ALL COLLEGES  
(Amend Board Report 28019, dated May 3, 2007)

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that in Board Report 28019, dated May 3, 2007, for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, the Board approved a license agreement for district-wide access to Blackboard's single-server internet course management system with hosting services by Blackboard Inc.; and

that Blackboard is a web-based publishing system specifically designed to assist faculty in creating online communities to support classes and enhance the learning experiences of students; for example Blackboard enables faculty to:

- Post syllabi to the web;
- Add information about their courses, such as office hours and names of teaching assistants;
- Add hyperlinks to external web sites;
- Add documents for students to download;
- Create e-mail listservs for their students;
- Hold online chats for their classes;
- Administer online tests and exams; and

that Blackboard, Inc. has submitted a proposal to provide hosting services and extend the Blackboard license including maintenance and support for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 for a cost not to exceed \$261,039.00; and

that the cost increase of \$32,690.00 over FY08 expenditures is due to increased usage by college faculty and students; and

that OIT staff has determined that Blackboard's software product and its proposal are reasonable and acceptable, and recommends approval of the Blackboard license agreement for the period indicated above; and

that this software license is exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements; and

that the expenditure for these services is funded through the Office of Information Technology FY09 Operational budget; and

that the Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above referenced agreement amendment and since Blackboard, Inc. has stated that they are using certified MBE and WBE vendors in their business outside of this project, it has been determined that they are in compliance with the Board approved Participation Plan.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees approve the amendment of the agreement with Blackboard Inc. for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 for hosting services and the Blackboard license including support and maintenance in a total amount not to exceed \$261,039.00 and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute any documents pertaining to this amendment.

FINANCE:

FY09 \$261,039.00 – Educational Fund – # 00003-0023001-10000-01000-538100

Respectfully submitted:

Wayne D. Watson  
Chancellor

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