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

Foundations of Excellence/Higher Learning Commission
Partnership Participation
Wright College

REPORTS THE CHANCELLOR

that Wright College has started planning its first action project as required for participation in the AQIP accreditation process (Board Report 28446). This action projects is designed to address the District priorities of student success and retention with particular focus on retaining first time, first year college students; and

that in order to develop and execute this plan, there is a need for Wright personnel to participate in the "Foundations of Excellence" program which is a joint program of the Foundation of Excellence and the Higher Learning Commission; and

that it is necessary to pay a for participation in the Foundations of Excellence programs and that this fee covers training of faculty and staff in the principles of excellence in serving first year students, and the planning of activities focused on student success and retention. The fee for participation is \$35,000; and

that this professional service is exempt from the District's competitive bidding procedures; and

that the Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above referenced Higher Learning Commission Partnership and since this organization has partnered with several Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Institutions, Tribal Institutions and Women specific Institutions and has a direct subcontract with a minority transportation vendor, it is recommended that they be deemed in compliance with the Board approved Participation Plan.

RECOMMENDS THE CHANCELLOR that the Board of Trustees authorize payment of participation fees to the Foundation of Excellence for Wright College to participate in the First Year Experience in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

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Respectfully submitted:

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Chancellor

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