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ADOPTED - BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
NOVEMBER 6, 2008

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

MASS STUDENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM
DISTRICT-WIDE

REPORTS

THE CHANCELLOR

that the District determined there was a need to provide for an Emergency Mass Notification System that would alert the college population of an emergency or school closing as well as The City of Chicago Office of Emergency Management of an emergency evacuation and to make emergency assignments; and

that the specifications were prepared by District Office staff, publicly advertised on July 7, 2008, a Request for Proposal (RFP) DT0808 was emailed to ten (10) firms and a pre-proposal conference was held on July 16, 2008, and

that the specifications allowed for text alerts to e-mail accounts, pagers, land lines, cell phones with a capacity for identifying unanswered calls, repeat calls, required reporting formats, staff training, and compatibility with the existing PeopleSoft applications and continued confidentiality of student information while providing for a user friendly application to students, faculty and staff; and

that 10 firms submitted proposals, and after initial evaluations, the top four (4) highest ranked firms were selected for oral presentations: Blackboard Connect, SDI, Honeywell, Cooper Notification; and

that the Oral presentations, product demonstrations and fee assessments were reviewed and evaluated by administrative and Office of Information Technology staff; and that Blackboard, the overall highest ranked firm is recommended for contract award; and

Vendor	Annual Cost	5 Year Cost
Blackboard Connect	\$258,000	\$ 1,290,000
SDI	\$242,226	\$ 1,211,127
Honeywell	\$270,000	\$ 1,350,000
Cooper Notification	\$138,000	\$ 690,000

that Blackboard fees are not the lowest, but this firm is the highest ranked and met all specification requirements, and the fees were found to be fair and reasonable; and

that while Cooper Notification and SDI had the appearance of lower costs and low annual fees, the additional components needed to customize the products presented to efficiently address the needs of the District would result in additional expenses not addressed in the proposals; and

that the Office of Compliance has reviewed the above Mass Student Notification project and has determined that Blackboard Connection has complied with the Board Approved Participation Plan through indirect utilization of certified MBE and WBE goods and services providers outside of this project.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement with Blackboard Connect to provide for a Mass Student Notification System in an amount not to exceed \$258,000 annually for a five year period, with a two (2) year option to extend, beginning November 6, 2008 through December 31, 2013, according to bid specifications in RFP DT0808, dated June 25, 2008.

FINANCIAL

5 years not to exceed \$1,290,000
\$258,000 Annually
Capital Account 580000 92015 0005031 70000 84003

Respectfully Submitted:

Wayne D. Watson
Chancellor