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ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY

COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508

JULY 14, 2009

**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 2010: 1) COMPASS computer-adaptive testing for credit student placement and ability-to-benefit and 2) ASSET paper and pencil testing in those situations in which computer-based testing is not appropriate; and

that COMPASS testing will cost \$470/site license for each of the seven colleges, 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 seven colleges, 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 200,000 units for distribution to the seven colleges with a total cost not to exceed \$240,000; 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 reference ACT 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 approves the issuance of a purchase order to South Suburban College to purchase both forms of assessment services for all colleges from July 14, 2009 – June 30, 2010 at a total cost not to exceed \$240,000 through the ACT Buying Consortium Project sponsored by South Suburban College.

FINANCIAL

\$240,000 – Education Fund –00003-0000108-10001-01000-0000000-541200

Respectfully submitted

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