

**ADOPTED-BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508  
OCTOBER 5, 2009**

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

**EXAMINATION FEE EXPENDITURES  
PEARSON VUE  
CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO**

**REPORTS****THE CHANCELLOR**

that there is a need to obtain approval to pay the state board licensure examination costs for Nursing graduates district wide; and

that as part of a provision of a partnership agreement with the Chicago Department of Community Development, the District will be able to pay these examination fees to Pearson Vue and receive reimbursement from the Chicago Department of Community Development up to 200.00 per student; and

that under the guidance of its membership, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (NCSBN) develops and administers two national nurse licensure examinations; the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN<sup>®</sup>) and the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN<sup>®</sup>). These two examinations are used by the Boards of Nursing to test entry-level nursing competence of candidates for licensure as Registered Nurses and as Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses. The NCLEX examinations are provided exclusively as computerized adaptive tests available through Pearson Vue; and

that pursuant to Board rules this additional purchase in the amount of \$20,000 will exceed the \$10,000 vendor limit for Pearson Vue and therefore requires Board approval; and

that this payment of examination fees to Pearson Vue are exempt for the District's competitive bidding procedures in that Pearson Vue is a sole source provider of the State Licensure Examinations for Nursing Students; and

that the Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above referenced payment and, as this is a sole source vendor, is recommending that a waiver from compliance with the Board Approved Participation Plan .

**RECOMMENDS****THE CHANCELLOR**

that the Board of Trustees approves the issuance of purchase orders to Pearson Vue for an additional amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 through June 30, 2010.

**FINANCIAL**

Not to exceed \$20,000.00 – Carl Perkins Grant -21000-0000118-103261000-00028-12300-538000 (Funding to be reimbursed by the Chicago Department of Community Development)

Respectfully submitted,

Deidra J. Lewis  
Interim Chancellor