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ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
MARCH 5, 2009

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

AGREEMENT WITH BLACKBOARD INC.
FOR ONLINE TRAINING AND TRAINING MATERIALS
DISTRICT OFFICE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that in Board Report 28752, dated Junely 5, 2008, for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at a cost not to exceed \$261,039.00, the Board approved a license agreement for district-wide access to Blackboard's Learning System with hosting services provided by Blackboard Inc.; and

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

that there is a district-wide initiative to increase the number of faculty using the Blackboard Learning System and that to better prepare and assist the faculty, especially faculty who will be using the system for the first time, the Office of Information Technology recommends that online training be made available; and

that Blackboard Inc. has developed a series of online training courses covering the key aspects of designing and teaching online in the Blackboard Learning System; and

that Blackboard, Inc. has submitted a proposal to provide an annual license of their Online Training Series with the right to reproduce training materials for instructor led training events at the colleges at an annual cost not to exceed \$11,700.00; and

that the training materials are a sole source procurement request and are best provided by the developer of the software and are therefore exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements; and

that contracts for the use, purchase, delivery, movement or installation of data processing equipment, software or services are exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements; and

that OIT staff has determined that Blackboard's proposal is reasonable and acceptable, and recommends approval of the Blackboard license agreement for the use of training materials; and

that the Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above agreement and, as there is no opportunity to subcontract the licensing services to a certified M/WBE firm, Blackboard, Inc., through the utilization of certified providers of goods and services beyond this specific project, has through indirect participation complied with the Board Approved Participation plan.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS that the Board of Trustees authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement with Blackboard Inc. for a period of one year beginning March 5, 2009 through March 5, 2010 for the use and right of online training and training materials in a total amount not to exceed \$11,700.00.

FINANCE: FY09 \$11,700.00 – Educational Fund – # 00003-0023001-10000-01000-538100

Respectfully submitted:

Wayne D. Watson
Chancellor

March 5, 2009- Office of information Technology – District Office