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**ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
JUNE 3, 2010**

**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 2011: 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 for FY 2011 will cost \$1.21 per unit (in FY 2010 the cost was \$1.15 per unit), with the average student using 7.9 units, when purchased through the Illinois ACT COMPASS/ESL buying consortium sponsored by South Suburban College.

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 250,000 units (an increase of 50,000) for distribution to the seven colleges with a total cost not to exceed \$315,000; 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 referenced ACT testing proposal, and there are no certified vendors to provide the requested products, is recommending 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 from ACT testing for all colleges from July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 at a total cost not to exceed \$315,000 through the ACT Buying Consortium Project sponsored by South Suburban College.

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\$315,000– Education Fund –00003-0000108-00029-01000-0000000-538100

Respectfully submitted,

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Chancellor