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**ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY**  
**COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508**  
**NOVEMBER 3, 2011**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508**  
**COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS**

**DISTRICT GED TESTING FEE SCHOLARSHIP**  
**COOK COUNTY GED TESTING PROGRAM**  
**DISTRICT-WIDE**

**THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:**

that the Board of Trustees approves the issuance of a purchase order to the Cook County GED Testing Program as a GED Testing Fee Scholarship for first time GED test takers, at a total cost not to exceed \$25,000.

**VENDOR:** Cook County GED Testing Program  
1007 Church Street, Suite 520  
Evanston, Illinois 60201  
Phone: (847) 328-9795

**USER:** District Office  
Daley College  
Kennedy King College  
Malcolm X College  
Olive Harvey College  
Truman College  
Wright College

**TERM:**

The term shall commence on November 3, 2011 and shall end on November 30, 2012.

**SCOPE OF SERVICE:**

City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) will provide a GED Testing Fee Scholarship for first-time GED test takers who meet the application requirements. The GED Testing Fee Scholarship of \$25.00 per student is based on the total cost of the current testing fee (\$50.00) as administered through the Cook County GED Testing Service.

**BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:**

This is a merit based scholarship model and not reliant on financial need as a requirement. As demonstrated by Adult Education Student demographic data, there is clear financial need among Adult Education students and across CCC. The benefits of a merit based scholarship model are ease of administration and the ability for CCC to award the scholarship to the most deserving and prepared students, and ultimately to those who are most likely to be recruited into and succeed in CCC college programs. In addition, this scholarship is intended to assist to:

1. Increase number of students obtaining the GED certificate.
2. Increase the number of ABE/GED/ESL students who advance to and succeed in college-level courses.

**VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:**

The Cook County GED Testing Program is the sole administrator of the GED test for the District. Pursuant to State law, goods which are economically procurable from only one source are exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements.

**MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE:**

The Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above agreement request and, is requesting that this purchase from a sister agency, be exempt from direct participation in compliance with the Board Approved Participation Plan.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Inspector General- It shall be the duty of each party to the agreement to cooperate with the Inspector General for City Colleges of Chicago in any investigation conducted pursuant to the Inspector General's authority under Article II, Section 2.6.4(b) of the Board Rules for Management and Government.

Ethics – It shall be the duty of each party to the agreement to comply with the applicable provisions of the Board's Ethics Policy adopted January 7, 1993, and as amended by the Board.

**FINANCIAL:**

**Total:** \$25,000

**Charge to:** Adult Ed

**Sources of Funds:** Education Fund

Unrestricted Fund

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**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl L. Hyman  
Chancellor**

**November 3, 2011 – Office of Strategy and Institutional Intelligence**