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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

HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION
NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS
RICHARD J. DALEY COLLEGE

THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:

that the Board of Trustees approves the issuance of a purchase order to the Higher Learning Commission for the Richard J. Daley College evaluation peer review team visit for continued accreditation for the period from November 6, 2011 through November 9, 2011 for a total amount not to exceed \$20,000 (this total includes base fee and honoraria, travel, meal and lodging expenses for review team).

VENDOR: Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street
Suite 7-500
Chicago, IL 60604-1413

USER: Richard J. Daley College

TERM:

The term commences on November 6, 2011 and ends on November 9, 2011.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Richard J. Daley College has been accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of colleges and schools since 1972. The last accreditation visit from the Higher Learning Commission in 2001 mandated that the next comprehensive evaluation visit for continued accreditation would occur in 2010. An extension for said visit was requested and granted for November 6, 2011, by a team consisting of six peer reviewers.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:

Each of the seven City Colleges of Chicago is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Accreditation provides public certification of acceptable institutional quality as well as an opportunity and incentive for self-improvement. This reaccreditation, consistent with the CCC mission statement “through our seven colleges, we deliver exceptional learning opportunities and educational services for diverse student populations in Chicago,” is therefore of great importance and benefit to the City Colleges of Chicago.

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:

This request for reaccreditation services is only available from a single source, the Higher Learning Commission. Pursuant to State law, goods and services 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 referenced request, and as the Higher Learning Commission, the accreditor of degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in the North Central region, has no opportunity to subcontract services of this nature, it is recommending this vendor be exempt from 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: \$20,000

Charge to: Richard J. Daley College

Sources of Funds: Education Fund

Unrestricted Fund

FY12: 00003-6000100-00086-34001-546300: \$20,000

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl L. Hyman
Chancellor**

November 3, 2011 – Richard J. Daley College