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**ADOPTED - BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2012**

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

**PLAGIARISM DETECTION SOFTWARE  
IPARADIGMS, LLC  
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
(RATIFICATION)**

**THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:**

that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to execute an agreement with iParadigms. LLC, to provide plagiarism detection software for the period from August 31, 2012, through August 31, 2015, at the total cost not to exceed \$176,000.

**VENDOR:** IParadigms, LLC (Turnitin)  
1111 Broadway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Oakland, California 94607

**USER:** City Colleges of Chicago- District-Wide

**TERM:**

The term of the agreement will begin on August 31, 2012, and end on August 30, 2015.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

iParadigms, LLC (d/b/a Turnitin) provides software that allows educational institutions to check student work for possible textual matches against internet-available resources and its own proprietary database (the "Service"). Turnitin software allows educators to check students' work for improper citation or potential plagiarism by comparing it against continuously updated databases. Every Originality Report provides instructors with the opportunity to teach their students proper citation methods as well as to safeguard their students' academic integrity. The Turnitin software system will be linked to the City Colleges of Chicago Blackboard software to assure a consistent and accurate platform for the delivery of the anti-plagiarism software across the District.

**BENEFIT TO THE CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:**

The Turnitin software system has been reviewed by the Vice Presidents and the Office of Information Technology and has been deemed as acceptable for use throughout the District. The software has proven to be effective in assisting faculty in the detection of plagiarism and will further the District's desire to protect and promote academic integrity in its curriculum and students. This 3-year agreement will provide the District with unlimited instructor access,

unlimited submission of student papers, email and phone support for all instructors, access to all online and web-based training, professional development resources and will save the District \$192,581 over the course of the 3-year agreement.

**VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Pursuant to the State law, the purchase of software is 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 IParadigms, LLC is the sole owner and manufacturer of a proprietary plagiarism software system and its licensing fees. There are no certified MBE or WBE subcontracting opportunities, and M/WBE Compliance recommends a waiver to be 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 2, Section 2.7.4(b) of the Board Bylaws.

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.

Contingent Liability – Pursuant to Section 7-14 of the Illinois Public Community College Act, all agreements authorized herein shall contain a clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year.

**FINANCIAL:**

**Total FY13-FY15:** 176,000

**Charge to:** Academic Affairs- District Office

**Sources of funds:** Education Fund

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl L. Hyman  
Chancellor**

**September 13, 2012 - Office of Academic Affairs**