THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:

that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to amend the spending plan previously approved under Board Report 31024 dated June 16, 2011 to pay Qwest Communications Company, LLC, (Century Link) $85,000 during FY14 to reconcile prior payments to the vendor that resulted in an FY12 surplus and an FY13 shortage in funds.

VENDOR: Qwest Communications Company, LLC (Qwest) (Century Link)
1 North Franklin Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606

USER: District-wide

TERM:
The term of the agreement commenced on July 1, 2011 and will end on June 30, 2016.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:
Qwest (Century Link) provides the District with off-site hosting facilities and associated services where the District’s Hewlett-Packard Alpha and Blade servers, PeopleSoft systems, and other various computer equipment, software and systems are housed.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:
Due to the timing and processing of invoices, this request will enable the District to reconcile an $85,000 payment made to Qwest (Century Link) in FY13 for services performed and received during FY12, but not paid during FY12.

DELIVERABLES:
Qwest (Century Link) will continue to perform as follows through June 30, 2016:
1. Provide an off-site data center to house CCC-owned Hewlett-Packard (HP) Alpha servers, HP Blade servers, and network equipment that will be maintained remotely by CCC;
2. Provide an off-site data center that includes fire detection and suppression, redundant UPS systems, generator power backup, moisture detectors, 24x7/365 remote hands and access;

3. Provide for growth as required by CCC; and

4. Provide related network connectivity

**VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:**
Pursuant to Board Report 31024, specifications were prepared by District Procurement Staff and a Request for Proposal (RFP) #MWJ1102 was publicly advertised on February 15, 2011. Fifteen (15) vendors were contacted. Three (3) companies responded to the RFQ on March 4, 2011: 1) CoreSite; 2) Qwest Communications Co., LLC (Century Link) and 3) Steadfast Networks.

All qualifications were reviewed, evaluated and ranked by staff which included Office of Information Technology representatives from District Office, Harold Washington and Olive-Harvey Colleges, The Office of Administrative and Procurement Services and The Office of MBE/WBE Contract Compliance.

The evaluation criteria included:

1. Firm’s proposed staff qualifications, experience and size
2. Proposer’s plan of action for the execution of the requested services
3. Past experience with similar services for educational institutions
4. Fees in relation to the Scope of Services
5. M/WBE Compliance plan

Based on the highest cumulative scores, the best overall solution and lowest overall cost, the staff recommends the acceptance of the proposal from Qwest (Century Link) which ranked highest after combining all evaluation scores.

**MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE:**
The Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed Qwest's proposal and with its commitment to utilize the vendors noted below are in compliance with the Board Approved Participation Plan.

**MBE Vendor:**
Acacia Group
221 N. LaSalle
Chicago, IL 60602
Direct Participation
10%
CMSDC

**WBE Vendor:**
Informity Network
731 N. Sangamon
Chicago, IL 60622
Indirect Participation
27%
City of Chicago

**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 FY14: $85,000

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Hyman
Chancellor

August 1, 2013 - Office of Information Technology – District Office