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ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
DECEMBER 12, 2013

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

EMERGENCY MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM
BLACKBOARD CONNECT
(RENEWAL OPTION)
OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:

that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to exercise the option to renew the agreement with Blackboard Connect to provide an integrated communication suite which includes mass notification system capability for the District, for the period commencing no sooner than January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015, at a total cost not to exceed \$246,734.10.

VENDOR: Blackboard, Inc. (“Blackboard”)
650 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, District of Columbia 2001-3796

USER: District Wide

ORIGINAL TERM:

The original term of the agreement began on November 6, 2008 and will end on December 31, 2013.

RENEWAL TERM: The renewal term of the agreement shall commence January 1, 2014 and continue through December 31, 2015.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Blackboard Connect provides administration, faculty and staff with notification capabilities regarding emergency and safety situations at City Colleges of Chicago Campuses, facilities and District Office. Blackboard Connect provides an integrated communications suite which includes Community Outreach, Emergency Communications and Surveys. This is a fully hosted SaaS application and does not require any equipment, phone lines or maintenance.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:

The emergency contact services provided by Blackboard Connect will continue to provide the District with the ability to reach students, faculty and staff to communicate important messages via phone, text and email to ensure safety, increase engagement and improve enrollment and retention of students for the renewal period while Request for Proposals are processed and evaluated.

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:

Pursuant to Board Report 29061, the Board authorized the execution of an agreement with Blackboard Connect in accordance with Request for Proposal (RFP) #DT0808. Specifications were prepared by District Office staff and publicly advertised on July 7, 2008. RFP #DT0808 was emailed to ten (10) firms and a pre-proposal conference was held on July 16, 2008. 10 firms submitted proposals. The top four (4) highest ranked firms were selected for oral presentations: Blackboard Connect, SDI, Honeywell, Cooper Notification.

Based on the written and oral presentations Blackboard Connect recommended for contract award.

MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE:

The Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the renewal request and recommends a waiver of the Board Approved Participation Plan due the nature of the service (emergency notification software) and the absence of subcontracting opportunities.

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: \$246,734.10

Charge to: District Office – Facilities Management

Source of Funds: Capital Fund

FY14: 530000-92015-005031-70000

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Hyman
Chancellor

December 12, 2013- Office of Information Technology – District Office