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**ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
MAY 1, 2014**

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

**CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR DISTRICT WIDE NURSING PROGRAMS
ASSESSMENT TECHNOLOGIES INSTITUTE, LLC
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:

that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to execute an agreement with Assessment Technology Institute, LLC (ATI) to provide consultation partnering with both administration and faculty in nursing programs across the District for the period commencing no sooner than May 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016, at a total cost not to exceed \$476,000.

VENDOR: Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC (ATI)
7500 West 160th Street
Stilwell, Kansas 66085

USER: District Wide Nursing Programs

TERM:

The term of the agreement shall commence no sooner than May 1, 2014 and continue through June 30, 2016.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

ATI's comprehensive review includes consultation and partnering with the administration and faculty in nursing programs. ATI will provide the following objective based consultant services to assist the nursing faculty: (1) Review policies, procedures, and structures that direct and support the execution of the Associate Degree in Nursing program at City Colleges of Chicago; (2) Modify Systematic Evaluation Plan to comply with Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing requirements and support methods for data collection, analysis, and action plans; (3) Provide faculty development on course and classroom instructional activities; (4) Improve test development skills related to item selection and item enhancement; (5) Maximize student clinical experience and evaluation of clinical performance; (6) Review and revise current curriculum to include standards and competencies that reflect current practice and Accreditation Commission Education for Nursing; and (7) Prepare for Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) Accreditation visit.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:

ATI will review policies, procedures, and structures that direct and support the execution of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at City Colleges of Chicago as well as modify Systematic Evaluation Plan to comply with Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing requirements and support methods for data collection, analysis, and action plans. While working with ATI, CCC has

seen an increased faculty adoption and utilization of ATI products, policy revision based on best practices, implementation of Virtual ATI (NCLEX preparation), face-to-face NCLEX review sessions, integration of ATI into the Nursing curriculum, and faculty development.

ATI will also: 1) guide establishment of levels of achievement recommended by Accreditation Commission Education for Nursing (ACEN) standards and criteria that are specific and measurable; 2) facilitate development and revision of tools used for evaluation of courses, faculty, clinical sites, alumni, and employers; and 3) facilitate creation of internal mechanism for ongoing assessment and evaluation of Student Learning Outcomes, competencies, and other levels of achievement.

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:

Pursuant to State law, contracts for the services of individuals possessing a high degree of professional skill where the ability or fitness of the individual plays an important part are exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements.

MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE:

The Office of M/WBE Contract Compliance has reviewed the above referenced agreement and recommends a waiver of the Board Approved Participation Plan due to the nature of the services (nursing curriculum development) 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: \$476,000

Charge to: Academic Affairs – Nursing Programs

Source of Funds: Unrestricted Funds

FY14: 530000-00003-0000120-10000

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl L. Hyman
Chancellor**

May 1, 2014 - Office of the Academic Affairs