WHEREAS, the City Colleges of Chicago, the City of Chicago and other sister agencies understand the need to make procurement processes more efficient, standardized and transparent;

WHEREAS, to satisfy this need, City Colleges of Chicago, the City of Chicago and other sister agencies have worked collaboratively through the Procurement Reform Task Force (“Task Force”) to identify opportunities to implement best practices governing the award, management and oversight of contracts to improve efficiency, increase accountability and ensure the responsible use of public funds;

WHEREAS, the Task Force reviewed, laws, regulations, policies and practices related to the procurement process, contract compliance, data systems and oversight and issued a final report dated November 17, 2015, detailing its findings and recommendations for reform;

WHEREAS, based upon the Task Force findings, a set of recommendations was also issued to achieve the goals of greater efficiency, increased accountability and cost savings thereby maximizing opportunities for small businesses, increasing competition among vendors, mitigating the risk of fraudulent contracting and ultimately protecting taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago City Council approved an ordinance mandating the issuance of an intergovernmental agreement between city agencies to implement the Task Force recommendations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair is authorized to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement (attached hereto as Exhibit A) with the City of Chicago to implement the Procurement Reform Task Force recommendations.