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**ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508  
OCTOBER 13, 2016**

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

**COLLEGE PLACEMENT TESTING  
MCGRAW HILL GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL HOLDINGS, LLC  
OFFICE OF STRATEGY AND ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE  
DISTRICT WIDE**

**THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:**

that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to execute an agreement with McGraw Hill Global Educational Holdings, LLC to provide a College Placement Testing Solution to the City Colleges of Chicago, including the technical administration system and training for the period from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, at a total cost not to exceed \$937,500.

**VENDOR:** McGraw Hill Global Educational Holdings, LLC (McGraw-Hill)  
2 Penn Plaza  
New York, New York, 10121

**USER:** District Wide

**TERM:**

The term of this agreement will commence on January 1, 2017 and will end on June 30, 2019, with an option to renew for an additional two (2) year period.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

McGraw will provide ALEKS PPL, a computer-adaptive math testing for credit student placement of new students in place of COMPASS. ALEKS PPL has demonstrated great accuracy and predictive validity in math placement and provides multiple opportunities for students to learn and improve their scores.

The ALEKS PPL Products shall include the following:

- a. Student access on-line to all modules- initial assessment, reassessment and learning.
- b. Scoring and electronic reporting, consultation regarding transfer of data to subscriber database or campus training, customized portal, implementation consultation and on-going customer support.

**BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:**

ALEKS PPL provides not only placement indication for math but diagnostics that COMPASS does not provide. For example, instructors will not only know that a student should be placed in Math 118 but that the student requires additional help with solving linear equations.

**VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Specifications were prepared by District Procurement staff and Request for Proposal (RFP) #LL1601 College Placement Test Solution was publicly advertised on March 11, 2016. Nine (9) firms were notified.

A pre-proposal meeting was conducted at the District Office on March 16, 2016. Four firms responded to the RFP on March 28, 2016: 1) McCann Associates; 2) McGraw Hill – ALEKS PPL; 3) The College Board; and 4) Wonderlic Incorporated.

All qualifications were reviewed, evaluated and ranked by staff which included Faculty, Office of Academic Affairs, Office of Strategy and Academic Governance and Office of Information Technology.

The evaluation criteria included:

1. Qualification and experience of the firm and project managers
2. Implementation plan of action and timeline for the services
3. Past experience with similar services for higher educational institutions with multiple sites
4. Cost per user in relation to the Scope of Services
5. MBE/WBE Compliance Plan

Based on the evaluation scoring, staff recommended the acceptance of the proposal from McGraw Hill – ALEKS PPL to provide College Placement Test Services.

**MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE:**

The Office of MBE/WBE compliance has reviewed the proposed purchase and recommends a waiver of the Board Approved Participation Plan due to the nature of the services (“diagnostic placement tool for mathematics”) 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:** \$937,500 Total: \$937,500: January 1, 2017 and expires on June 30, 2019 with an additional two year option

**Charge to:** 530000-00003-0017004-80000

**Source of Funds:** Education Fund

**FY17 – FY19:** FY17 \$187,500, FY18 \$375,000, FY19 \$375,000

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl L. Hyman**

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