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**ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508**  
**APRIL 6, 2017**

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

**BLACKBOARD EDUCATIONAL AND COLLABORATION SOFTWARE AND NEW HOSTING**  
**AGREEMENT**  
**BLACKBOARD, INC.**  
**OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**  
**(RENEWAL)**  
**DISTRICT WIDE**

**THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:**

that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to renew the agreement with Blackboard, Inc. to provide software licenses, implementation services and support for an online learning management system, an online synchronous meeting platform, a mobile app, data storage and hosting services for the period from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,381,960 for the two-year period.

**VENDOR:** Blackboard, Inc.  
650 Massachusetts Avenue NW  
Washington, District of Columbia, 20001

**USER:** District Wide

**ORIGINAL TERM:**

The original term of this agreement began on July 01, 2014 and ended on June 30, 2017.

**RENEWAL TERM:**

The term of the agreement shall commence no sooner than July 1, 2017 and will continue through June 30, 2019 .

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

Blackboard will provide the following: 1) licenses for Blackboard Learn, Blackboard Collaborate, and Bb Student, a mobile app 2) a development, staging, and production hosting environment; 3) data storage and support 4) implementation services for projects such as Grade Integration Services

**BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:**

This solution will enable the City Colleges of Chicago to provide an engaging online learning platform (available from any computer or device) to all CCC students and faculty. Through the

Community module, all employees, even those not teaching a class, are able to use Blackboard as a collaboration space. The synchronous meeting platform allows CCC to conduct online or hybrid classes, and allows all employees to conduct online meetings, increasing efficiency and increasing communication across the District. The Content module provides centralized management of course materials used across multiple courses, sections or departments. Faculty can easily discover, share, and collaborate on rich learning objects with colleagues at their institution and around the globe. The Outcomes Assessment module supports CCC's need to systematize and automate the collection of student work for rubric-based evaluation and reporting related to our accreditation and improvement efforts. The hosting and support agreement ensures that the Blackboard platforms described above are available 24 x 7 with a scalable resources and a dedicated hosting manager.

#### **VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:**

In Board Report #29816 adopted November 2, 2009, the Board approved CCC's participation in the Illinois Public Higher Education Cooperative (IPHEC) of which Blackboard, Inc. is an approved vendor under Sole Source contract #329JCM at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The University of Illinois Source Sole committee posted their intent to award on the Illinois Procurement Bulletin as required. No firms registered to submit comments regarding the notice, therefore Blackboard, Inc. was awarded the contract.

Pursuant to State Law, contracts for goods and services procured from another governmental agency are exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements.

#### **MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE:**

The Office of Contract Compliance has reviewed the above renewal and, recommends a waiver of the Board Approved Participation Plan due to the nature of the services (software licenses and administration) and the lack of further 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:** \$1,381,960

**Charge to:** Office of Information Technology

**Source of Funds:** Education Fund

**FY18:** 540000-00003-0023003-80000

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Cheryl L. Hyman  
Chancellor**

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