THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:
that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to execute an agreement with Point3 Security, Inc. to provide Cyber Operations training for participants of the City of Chicago’s Cyber Operations Training program for the period from April 10, 2017 through January 31, 2018, at a total cost not to exceed $600,000.

VENDOR:    Point3 Security, Inc.
            101 North Haven Street, Suite 301
            Baltimore, MD 21224

TERM:
The term of this agreement shall commence on April 10, 2017 and shall end on January 31, 2018.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:
The scope of services requires the vendor to develop, demonstrate and evaluate a comprehensive Cyber Operations Training Course of approximately six months in duration in an unclassified, open source tool environment. The vendor-developed training shall provide cyber operators with a wide array of technical capabilities, inclusive of cyber operational fundamentals (offense, defense, forensics, scouting, and hunting), Cyber Red Team expertise, Penetration Testing skills, acquisition and analysis of publically available information, the Dark and Deep Web and other cyber operations topics achievable within the six month duration of the course. This training is part of the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the Board and the City of Chicago.

Per the DoD, the United States faces a serious threat from cyber warfare, terrorism, and crime. To address these growing threats, the 2015 Department of Defense (DoD) Cyber Strategy directs the standup of a DoD Cyber Mission Force (CMF). The near-term demand is to provide a manned and ready force adequately trained to comprise the CMF, Service organic cyber effects workforce and cyber effects red teams. To meet this demand, the DoD must have cyber operators who possess the unique skills needed to perform in this domain, however there is a need to prototype learning practices to best meet the Department’s cyber operations training requirement. To address this need, the DoD will partner with the City of Chicago and the City Colleges of Chicago to offer a Cyber Operations Training Course on site at the City Colleges of Chicago.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES:
The training provided Point3 Security, Inc. will provide an opportunity for City Colleges of Chicago to bring Cyber Operations training, developed by the U.S. Department of Defense, to residents of the
City of Chicago and to build the foundation of future cyber security offerings.

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:
It is a requirement of the IGA with the City of Chicago that City Colleges of Chicago contract with the U.S. Department of Defense contractor to provide this training. DoD will contract with Point3 Security, Inc. to develop the curriculum and deliver this training program.

Point3 Security, Inc. has previously developed and delivered this training under contract with DoD and has shown significant success as measured by the percentage of program completers who complete the Offensive Security Certified Professional (OSCP) credential (industry certification).

Therefore, pursuant to State law, based upon the high degree of professional skill necessary for these services this request is exempt from the District’s competitive bidding requirements.

MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE:
The Office of Contract Compliance has reviewed the proposed agreement and recommends a waiver of the Board Approved Participation plan due to the nature of the services (proprietary cyber security training program) 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: $600,000
Charge to: Office of Information Technology
Source of Funds: Education Fund
FY17: 530000-00003-TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Hyman
Chancellor

April 6, 2017-Office of Information Technology and Wilbur Wright College