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**ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
OCTOBER 4, 2018**

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

**CLOUD-BASED WORKFORCE TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM
SUPPORTING CAREER CONNECTIVITY
VIRIDIS LEARNING, INC.
OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT**

THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:

that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair, upon final approval of the General Counsel of the legal form of such agreements, to execute agreement with Viridis Learning, Inc. to provide licensing and implementation services for a cloud-based workforce technology platform to City Colleges of Chicago from October 4, 2018 through October 31, 2019, at a total cost not to exceed \$150,000.

VENDOR: Viridis Learning, Inc.
330 3rd Ave., Suite 8A
New York, NY 10010

USER: Office of Institutional Advancement

TERM:

The term of the agreements shall commence on October 4, 2018 and end on October 31, 2019 with an option to renew for two (2) one (1) year periods.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The Office of Institutional Advancement is leading efforts to expand work-based learning across CCC to develop innovative workforce programs in partnership with local industries, in order to create responsive customized training programs. The efforts will cut across credit-based programs and continuing education programs that often culminate in apprenticeship, internship, on-the-job-training, or direct placement. To better track and support student articulation of the skills developed in programs, as well as ensure hiring partners are accessing needed talent, CCC will leverage new technologies. Viridis will provide CCC with a web-based system to guide students through course and career-selection(s). Student knowledge, skills, and abilities are will then be validated and matched to industry-specific and employer-specific demand. Implementation will occur over an 8-week period.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:

Using Viridis, CCC will be able to leverage innovative technology to support work-based learning and the use of new customized training programs. It will support CCC in connecting students to economic opportunities while also measuring the impact of the various training programs and learning opportunities.

DELIVERABLES:

The use of this platform’s data is aggregated and analyzed to accomplish six things:

- (1.) Recommend data driven Learning pathways for learners based upon employer demand;
- (2.) Measure student progress toward completion and validate the skills & competencies they have acquired;
- (3.) Match candidates to applicable, local opportunities (e.g. internships, jobs, etc.); and
- (4.) Track unique student data post-employment & through the workforce to measure economic impact.
- (5.) Develop regional data-driven talent exchanges
- (6.) Through the Viridis data integrations, it will enable real-time alignment of skill requirements from local employers to be reverted to the higher education institution via the Viridis Cloud platform

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:

Viridis Learning, Inc. is a proprietary technology platform that enables unique data interoperability between the District’s existing student and course management systems Pursuant to State law, all contracts for the purchase and delivery of data processing equipment, software and services are exempt from the District’s competitive bidding requirements. In addition, City Colleges of Chicago posted our intent to award as required per the sole source requirements. No firms registered to submit comments regarding the notice, therefore Viridis Learning, Inc. is recommended for award.

MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE:

The Office of Contract Compliance has reviewed the proposed agreement and has determined the Vendor has complied with the Board Approved Participation Plan with the schedule below and the recommendation of an MBE waiver.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>MBE or WBE</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Direct or Indirect</u>	<u>Certifying Agency</u>
AAR & Associates 1900 S. Clark Chicago, IL 60616	WBE	7	Direct	Cook County

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: \$150,000

Charge to: Office of Institutional Advancement

Source of Funds: Education Fund

FY19: 530000-00003-0019010-80000

Respectfully submitted,

**Juan Salgado
Chancellor**

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