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 renew an agreement with McGraw Hill Global Education Holdings, LLC to maintain the computer platform services District wide for a two (2) year period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021, at a total cost not to exceed $937,500.

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New York, New York, 10121

USER: District Wide

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

RENEWAL TERM:
The term of this agreement shall commence no sooner than July 1, 2019 and continue through June 30, 2021.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:
McGraw will continue to provide ALEKS PPL, a computer –adaptive math testing for credit student placement of new students. ALEKS PPL has demonstrated great accuracy and predictive validity in math placement and provides multiple opportunities for students to learn and improve their scores.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:
ALEKS PPL provides not only placement indication for math but diagnostics that allow instructors to 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:
Pursuant to Board Report #33071, adopted on October 13, 2016, the Board authorized the execution of an agreement with McGraw Hill to provide ALEKS PPL, a computer –adaptive math testing. 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
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.

The responses were reviewed, evaluated and ranked by staff which included Faculty, the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, and the Office of Information Technology.

The evaluation criteria included:
1. Qualifications and experience of the firm and project managers
2. Implementation plan of action and timeline for the services
3. Past experiences 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 above-referenced agreement 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
Charge to: Office of Academic and Student Services
Sources of Funds: Education Fund
FY20: 530000-00003-0017004-80000

Respectfully submitted,

Juan Salgado
Chancellor

June 6, 2019 - Office of Academic and Student Services