

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

**DIVERSITY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE LICENSES
B2GNOW
THE OFFICE OF FINANCE**

THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:

that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair, upon final approval of the General Counsel as to the legal form of such agreements, execution of an agreement and issuance of purchase orders to AskReply, Inc. dba B2Gnow to provide data integration and diversity management software licenses for the period from April 13, 2023 through June 30, 2025, at a total cost not to exceed \$57,400.

VENDOR: AskReply, Inc. dba B2Gnow
725 W. McDowell Road
Phoenix, AZ 85007

USER: Procurement Services

TERM:

The term of this agreement shall begin April 13, 2023 and shall end on June 30, 2025.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

B2Gnow currently provides the District with the ability to track its MWBE participation plans. This agreement provides an upgrade to the current system that will automate the integration of vendor contracts and payments by utilizing data directly from CCC's financial system. This agreement will also cover the payment of yearly subscriptions. The current B2Gnow system allows the District the ability to track MWBE prime and subcontractor participation on contracts. The current process relies on primes to report payments in the system made by CCC and further report payments to subcontractors that subsequently confirm. This manual requirement, creates delays in reporting and nonreporting. The manual contract entry may cause contracts to be missed; automation will ensure that any contract with a goal gets captured in the system. The enhancement will allow for a more effective way to load contracts and payments monthly. This will provide greater efficiencies with the ability to better manage system audits and ensure timely reporting by both primes and subcontractors towards meeting participation plan requirements.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:

Utilizing B2GNow enables CCC to manage vendor contracts to ensure that primes are making the required payments to subcontractors towards meeting contractual obligations as agreed to in the participation plans. CCC is currently utilizing the B2GNow system to track and monitor prime contractors' MBE and WBE sub-contractor activities and payments. This addition will allow for an

integration of data that will link CCC’s financial system and B2Gnow. This integration will capture data in real time and allow for more timely reporting. This process will provide for a quicker and more accurate reporting of data.

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:

In accordance with the sole source policy and procedures, this service (software service) is exempt from the District’s competitive bidding process.

MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE:

The Office of Procurement Services has reviewed the proposed compliance plan and has determined the Vendor has complied with the Board Approved MBE/WBE Contract Participation Plan:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>MBE or WBE</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Participation</u>	<u>Certifying Agency</u>
A. Alva Rosales & Associates, LTD dba A.A.R. & Associates, LTD 1900 S. Clark Street, Suite #102 Chicago, IL 60616	MBE	25	Indirect	Cook County
606 Digital, LLC 111 W. Jackson Blvd, Suite 1700 Chicago, IL 60604	WBE	7	Indirect	Women Business Development Council

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: \$57,400.00

Charge to: Office of Administrative and Procurement Services

Sources of Funds: Education Fund

FY23-24: 540000-00003-0005029-80000

Respectfully submitted,

**Juan Salgado
Chancellor**

April 13, 2023 – The Office of Finance/Procurement Services