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**ADOPTED-BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508**  
**NOVEMBER 2, 2023**

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

**PREFERRED PROVIDER ORGANIZATION MEDICAL PLAN (PPO)**  
**HEALTH CARE SERVICE CORPORATION D/B/A BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF ILLINOIS (BCBS)**  
**OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT**  
**DISTRICT WIDE**

**THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:**

that the Board of Trustees authorize the Chair, upon final approval of the General Counsel as to the legal form of such agreements, to execute a renewal agreement with Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company d/b/a Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois (“BCBS”) for BCBS to provide administration services for City Colleges of Chicago’s (“CCC”) self-insured Group PPO Medical Plan for the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 at a total cost not to exceed \$1,200,000 annually.

**VENDOR:** Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois  
300 East Randolph Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60601

**USER:** All Eligible Employees, Retirees, and their Dependents

**TERM:**

The original term of the agreement between BCBS and CCC with will begin on January 1, 2021 and will continue through December 31, 2023 with two (2) options to renew for one (1) year each.

**RENEWAL TERM:**

The first renewal term shall commence on January 1, 2024 and end on December 31, 2024.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

BCBS provides self-insured claims administration services for eligible active and retired employees of CCC for employees that are covered under PPO. Sapphire provides Health Advocacy Solutions administrative services for their members rewards program that gives participants the ability to earn rewards resulting from actions that reduce claims costs to CCC. This program is run transparently through BCBS PPO Group Medical plan.

**BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:**

The Office of Human Resources participated in a Joint Request for Proposal (RFP) with the City of Chicago and several sister agencies. It is advantageous to the District to leverage the joint purchasing agreement with these multiple organizations. This leverage resulted in cost savings on the administrative fees while maintaining the “best in class” health care services.

**VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:**

The contract being utilized as part of the joint purchasing agreement has been advertised and was awarded in July 2020 in accordance with the procurement procedures of the City of Chicago (Specification No. CBO 2019-001).

Pursuant to State law, contracts for goods and services procured from another governmental entity are exempt from the District’s competitive bidding requirements.

Due to the high degree of professional and technical skill, pursuant to State law, Sapphire Digital’s professional services are exempt from the District’s competitive bidding requirements.

**MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE:**

The Office of Procurement Services has reviewed the proposed proposal with Sapphire Digital and recommends a waiver of the Board Approved Participation Plan due to the nature of the services (administrative services for members reward program) and the absence of subcontracting opportunities.

The Office of Procurement Services has reviewed the proposal and has determined that BCBS has complied with the Board Approved Participation Plan and will utilize the following firms:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>MBE or WBE</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Participation</u>	<u>Certifying Agency</u>
SHI Corporation 290 Davidson Ave. Somerset, NJ 08873	MBE	13	Indirect	National Minority Supplier Development Council
Overture LLC 595 Lakeview Parkway Vernon Hills, IL 60061	WBE	5	Indirect	Women’s Business Enterprise National Council

Viva USA, Inc. 3601 Algonquin Road Suite 425 Rolling Meadows, IL 60008	MBE	10	Indirect	City of Chicago
Innovative Systems Group, Inc. 799 Roosevelt Road Building 4-Suite 109	MBE	2	Indirect	City of Chicago

Glen Ellyn, IL 60137				
Dventures LLC Dbas TransTech LLC 248 Spring Lake Itasca, IL 60146	WBE	2	Indirect	Women's Business Enterprise National 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:** \$1,200,000

**Charge to:** Office of Human Resource and Staff Development

**Source of Funds:** Education Fund

**FY21:** 520000-00003-0025006-80000

**November 3, 2023 – Office of Human Resources and Staff Development**