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ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
DECEMBER 5, 2024

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

RESOLUTION
APPLICATION FOR NEW PROGRAMS
MASTER BUILDER, ADVANCED CERTIFICATE
THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
KENNEDY-KING COLLEGE

WHEREAS, new educational programs require approval of the Board of Trustees of Community College District 508, the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB); and

WHEREAS, an application for approval of the City Colleges of Chicago Master Builder Advanced Certificate has been received and appropriately reviewed by the Joint Curriculum Development Council for submission; and

WHEREAS, The Master Builder Advanced Certificate provides a broad skill set in carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry, and welding, making graduates highly versatile and valuable in the construction industry. Designed as a seamless transfer pathway for CPS Chicago Builds graduates, this multi-disciplinary training enhances job opportunities and provides students with a strong foundation for career advancement or further education in the trades.; and

WHEREAS, labor market data shows strong demand for skilled trades professionals, including carpenters, electricians, plumbers, masons, and welders, with approximately 3,500 annual openings in Cook County as of 2023, with projected growth of 7% over the next 10 years, as well as entry-level wages of around \$20/hour or \$41,600 annually.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Community College District No. 508, County of Cook and State of Illinois, hereby approves the submission of this program for permanent approval by the Illinois Community College Board, pending completion of Proposed Academic Curriculum Changes (PACC) process per Academic Policy 9.02.

December 5, 2024 – The Office of Academic Affairs