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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**

**CAFETERIA, VENDING, CATERING, KIOSK AND FOOD SERVICES**  
**FOODA, INC.**  
**THE OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**  
**THE OFFICE OF STUDENT EXPERIENCE**  
**DISTRICT WIDE**

**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, to execute an agreement with Fooda, Inc. to provide cafeteria, vending, catering, kiosk and food services for a food insecurity pilot program for the period to begin from January 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025, at a total cost not to exceed \$864,000.

**VENDOR:** Fooda, Inc.  
225 W. Randolph St., 17th Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

**USER:** District Wide

**TERM:**

The original term of the agreement shall commence January 1, 2025, and will end May 31, 2025.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

The City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) has an ambitious vision to establish an innovative approach to ensuring higher education students' food security for life (FSL). CCC will work to address students' food security during college, as a critical step to help students persist through and complete a CCC credential or degree that will then enable students' economic mobility and food security post-college. This project would provide necessary wraparound support for increasing student retention and completion at CCC.

One approach CCC will take to addressing food insecurity on campus is providing on-campus hot meals to students who are facing food insecurity. The pilot program will use CCC operating funds to pay for on-campus meals for 900 students (300 at KKC, 300 at MXC, and 300 at OHC) during the Spring 2025 term (January-May 2025). Meals will be provided through CCC's cafeteria vendor, Fooda, and students can purchase food using Fooda's existing mobile app, providing an easy and stigma-free way to connect students with a vital resource that will allow them to better focus on academics and learning while on campus.

**BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:**

In Winter 2024, CCC surveyed KKC students to ascertain students' ability to secure basic needs and what food security resources would be most helpful. From that powerful data, we learned that 75% of our students "often" or "sometimes" had worries that their/their family's food supply would be depleted before they had

money to purchase more. Additionally, 43% of respondents shared that they struggle to pay attention in class because of hunger, 34% said they sometimes miss to class to work or meet household basic needs, and 44% are worried they will have to leave college to work or meet household basic needs.

This program is being piloted at MXC, KKC and OHC. In the recent Hope Survey, these 3 campuses indicated the highest levels of Basic Needs Insecurity and Food Insecurity. Additionally, OHC is the campus with the highest percentage of students utilizing the on-campus food pantry indicating both student need and a willingness to engage in food support programs on campus. MXC and KKC also have established on campus pantry usage. Additionally, the enrollment sizes of OHC and KKC make the pilot a statistically significant sample of the overall student body allowing us to measure the success of this program. The pilot at MXC represents a smaller portion of the overall population but allows us to try the project at a larger campus and learn how to implement the program in school with higher enrollment numbers. As the positive impact of this program on student outcomes is demonstrated, we hope to scale this program to serve more students and additional campuses in the future.

Fooda was selected as CCC's food service vendor in May of 2018. The program officially launched in Fall 2018, introducing a new full-service dining, vending, and catering experience districtwide. Over the contract, Fooda's redesigned food service model increased student participation, helped students purchase food through its annual donation program, enhanced the vending experience and improved overall customer satisfaction. Fooda, Inc. will continue to provide food service to students, faculty, and staff districtwide.

**VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Pursuant to Board Reports 33454 and 34718, specifications were prepared by District Procurement staff and Request for Proposal (RFP) #MWJ1801 was publicly advertised on January 4, 2018. Twenty-Three (23) firms were notified of the solicitation. A pre-proposal/bid meeting was conducted at Malcolm X College on January 11, 2018. Four (4) firms responded to the RFP on February 20, 2018: 1) Compass USA/Canteen; 2) Fooda, Inc.; 3) Taher, Inc.; and (4) Shan-Zee's Investment, LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts.

All qualifications were reviewed, evaluated, and ranked by staff and evaluation committee members that included Office of Business Enterprises, Truman College Student Government Association, Business Office Representative at Daley College, Olive-Harvey College's President, Auxiliary Services Director at Wright College, District Childcare Director, Dean of Washburne Culinary & Hospitality Institute.

The evaluation criteria included:

- Qualifications and experience in providing dining services to similar organizations
- Overall dining concepts, operations, and menus
- Menu pricing
- Vending options and pricing
- Sanitation and Safety
- Financial proposal to CCC
- MBE/WBE Compliance plan

The top three firms were invited for Oral Presentations and Food Sampling on March 23, 2018. Based on the cumulative totals from the written and oral presentation, the committee recommends Fooda, Inc. to provide cafeteria, vending, kiosk and catering services district-wide.

**MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE:**

The Office of Procurement Services has reviewed the proposed compliance plan and has determined that the vendor has complied with the Board Approved MBE/WBE Participation Plan with a recommended full waiver of the MBE goal.

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>MBE or WBE</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Participation</b>	<b>Certifying Agency</b>
National Vending 8040 University Blvd Des Moines, IA 50306	WBE	25	Direct	WBENC

**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:** \$864,000

**Charge to:** Office of Finance & Business Enterprises

**Source of Funds:** Education Fund

**Budget Lines:** 530000-00003-Various  
530000-00003-0016002-60000

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Juan Salgado**  
**Chancellor**

**December 5, 2024 - Office of Finance & Business Enterprises/Office of Student Experience**