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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

ADA COMPLIANT SOFTWARE
BLACKBOARD, LLC
THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
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 authorize the execution of an agreement with Blackboard, LLC to provide Blackboard Ally, an ADA compliant software licensing the period commencing no sooner than January 1, 2025, and continuing for one (1) year after such commencement date at a total cost not to exceed \$78,690.

VENDOR: Blackboard, LLC
11720 Plaza America Dr.
Reston, VA 20190

USER: District Wide

TERM:

The term of this agreement shall begin no sooner than January 1, 2025, and continue for one (1) year after such commencement date

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Blackboard Ally integrates with our learning management system Brightspace and automatically converts all documents shared as course material into accessible formats that meet federal ADA standards. The software also provides reports directly to instructors that flag contents that are not accessible and offers suggestions on ways to make the material available to all students.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:

All credit courses taught at City Colleges of Chicago have a Brightspace site to house the course syllabus and other relevant course material. Instructors may also post assignments and require students to submit assignments through Brightspace. In order to fulfill our obligations to students under the ADA, the course materials and assignments must be accessible to all students. Having Blackboard Ally integrated into the LMS acts as a failsafe to ensure that no inaccessible materials or assignments are included in a course. This allows CCC instructors and staff to be confident that courses are contributing to the institution's mission.

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:

Purchases and Contracts for the use, purchase, delivery, movement, or installation of data processing equipment, software, or services and telecommunications and inter-connect equipment, software or services may be exempt from the formal bidding procedures.

MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE:

The Office of Procurement Services has reviewed the proposed compliance plan and recommends a full waiver of the Board Approved MBE/WBE Contract Participation Plan due to the nature of the agreement (“software addressing accessibility for students with disabilities and special needs”) 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: \$78,690

Charge to: The Office of Academic Affairs

Sources of Funds: Education Fund- General Appropriation

Budget: 540000-00003-0022060-80000-01000

Respectfully submitted,

**Juan Salgado
Chancellor**

December 5, 2024 – The Office of Academic Affairs