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ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
MAY 1, 2025

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

CYBER RANGE CAMPUS CREATION, ACCESS AND EXPERTISE
IBM CORPORTATION
THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
DISTRICT WIDE
AGREEMENT

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 IBM Corporation to create an immersive cybersecurity training platform from June 1, 2025 to June 1, 2028, with (1) option to renew for an additional two year term at a total cost not to exceed \$764,250

VENDOR: IBM Corporation
1 New Orchard Road Armonk
Armonk, NY 10504-1722

USER: District Wide

TERM:

The term of this agreement shall begin on June 1, 2025, and shall end on June 1, 2028, with one (1) option to renew for an additional two-year term.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

IBM will provide City Colleges of Chicago with a Cyber Campus that offers hands-on cybersecurity training through a mix of physical and virtual environments. The Cyber Campus includes live simulations of cyberattacks, an ever-growing catalog of state-of-the-art commercial learning content that simulates cybersecurity scenarios of real-world complexity, and expert support. The training is designed to help students and local workers build real-world cybersecurity skills. IBM will also provide tools, updates, and guidance to keep the program current and effective.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:

The IBM Cyber Campus will help address the shortage of cybersecurity workers in Chicago. CCC students will have the opportunity to receive hands-on experience with real-world cyber threats, helping them build the skills employers are seeking. It will increase access to high-demand cybersecurity training, supporting student success and career readiness. The cyber range will also serve as a resource for upskilling local workers, strengthening Chicago's cybersecurity workforce. This innovative program positions CCC as a leader in tech education and workforce development.

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:

The purchase of data processing equipment, software, or services pursuant to State law, is exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements.

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 Contract Participation Plan with a recommended full waiver of the 25% MBE goal.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>MBE or WBE</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Participation</u>	<u>Certifying Agency</u>
Live Cyber LLC DBA Cloud Range 2601 Belmont Blvd. Nashville, TN 37212	WBE	35	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: \$764,250

Charge to: The Office of Academic Affairs

Sources of Funds: Capital fund

Budget Line: 53/540000-92015-0023003-80000-90101xxxx

Respectfully submitted,

**Juan Salgado
Chancellor**

May 1, 2025 – The Office of Academic Affairs