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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
COOK OF COUNTY AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

PURCHASE OF PRODUCE AND SPECIALTY ITEMS
TESTA PRODUCE COMPANY
WASHBURNE CULINARY AND HOSPITALITY INSTITUTE KENNEDY-KING COLLEGE
AGREEMENT

THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:

that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair to execute an agreement with Testa Produce Company for the purchase of produce and goods for the period from May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2027, at a total cost not to exceed \$500,000.

VENDOR: Testa Produce Company
4555 South Racine
Chicago Illinois, 60609

USERS: Kennedy-King College, Washburne Culinary and Hospitality Institute and
Childcare Center

TERM:

The term of the purchase shall commence on May 1, 2025, and ends on April 30, 2027.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Testa Produce Company will provide fresh produce, specialty items and full access to its Farm Logix program for the Washburne Culinary and Hospitality Institute in support of culinary instruction and catering.).

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:

A key success factor for the Washburne Culinary and Hospitality Institute (WCHI) is providing students with exposure to a wide variety of produce.

This relationship is a great alternative. Buying from Testa Produce Company and the FarmLogix program will provide access to over 300 local farms through one distributor. Farmers truck in orders to one of three FarmLogix aggregation centers who will then deliver to WCI and issue only one invoice instead of many from multiple farms.

Additionally, the local farmers are focused on providing healthy and fresh foods. This is a core mission for WCHI. exposing WCHI students and the KKC community with access to healthy eating (WCHI feeds a large of segment of the community via its Sikia Restaurant, the Sikia Café, and Catering). Lastly, the online system will assist with inventory management and the timely ordering of items that are low in stock.

The requested additional authorization is predicated on two factors:

1. Pricing increases on commodity items due to Season, weather, fuel costs and market forces beyond our controls. In addition to decreasing additional waste from unnecessary obligations forcing to procure in bulk.
2. The additional Business Enterprise entities including Sikia Restaurant, Sikia Café, and Catering.
3. Childcare Account added to existing Testa Produce account has increased purchases that will exceed the \$50,000 annual spend.

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:

Testa Produce will be used by Washburne Culinary and Hospitality Institute as the distributor for perishable food items. Pursuant to state law, perishable goods are exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements.

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 (purchase of fresh produce and goods).

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: \$ 500,000

Charge to: Kennedy-King College, Washburne Culinary and Hospitality Institute & Childcare Center

Source of Funds: Education and Enterprise funds

Budget Line: 540000-00003-1230150-10000;
540000-07005-1240100-60000;
540000-07504-1065000-60000

Respectfully submitted,

**Juan Salgado,
Chancellor**

**May 1, 2025 – Kennedy-King College, Washburne Culinary and Hospitality Institute and
Childcare Center**