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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

# DIVERSITY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE LICENSES ASKREPLY, INC. DBA B2GNOW THE OFFICE OF FINANCE-BUSINESS AND PROCUREMENT SERVICES 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 AskReply, Inc. dba B2GNow to provide diversity management software licenses from the period from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030, at a total cost not to exceed \$132,729.

**VENDOR:** AskReply, Inc. dba B2Gnow

725 W. McDowell Road Phoenix, AZ 85007

**USERS:** Business and Procurement Services

#### TERM:

The term of this agreement shall begin on July 1, 2025, and shall end on June 30, 2030.

#### **SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

B2GNow currently provides the District with the ability to track its MBE/WBE participation plan on over 280 contracts. This agreement will cover the payment of yearly subscriptions. The B2Gnow system allows the District the ability to track MBE/WBE prime and subcontractor participation on contracts. The system allows primes to enter payments made to subcontractors. It further requires subcontractors' confirmation of the payment towards meeting the proposed goals on contracts. The system affords for greater efficiencies with the ability to better manage system audits and ensure timely reporting by both primes and subcontractors and allows for both state and agency reporting requirements.

#### **BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:**

Utilizing B2GNow enables CCC to manage vendor contracts to ensure that primes are making the required payments to subcontractors towards meeting contractual obligations as agreed to in the participation plans. CCC is currently utilizing the B2GNow system to track and monitor prime contractors' MBE and WBE subcontractor activities and payments. Data is captured in real time and allows for more accurate reporting.

#### **VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:**

Pursuant to State law, all contracts for the purchase and delivery of data processing equipment, software and services are exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements.

Year 1: 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026 \$25,000.00 Year 2: 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027 3% \$25,750.00 Year 3: 7/1/2027 - 6/30/2028 3% \$26,522.50 Year 4: 7/1/2028 - 6/30/2029 3% \$27,318.18 Year 5: 7/1/2029 - 6/30/2030 3% \$28,137.72

#### 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 license subscription).

#### **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: \$132,729

**Charge to:** The Office of Administrative and Procurement Services

**Sources of Funds:** Education Fund

**Budget Line:** 540000-00003-0005029-80000

Respectfully submitted,

Juan Salgado Chancellor