

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

**CERTIFICATION TRAINING PROGRAMS AND EXAMINATION SERVICES  
COMPTIA, INC.  
THE OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS-COE IN BUSINESS  
DISTRICT WIDE**

**THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:**

that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair, upon final approval of the General Counsel of the legal form of such agreements, to execute an agreement with CompTIA Inc for the purchase of industry certification training programs and examination services for a term commencing no sooner than February 5, 2026 and continuing for (1) one year after such commencement date, for a total cost not to exceed \$35,000 for the term of the agreement.

**VENDOR:** CompTIA, Inc.  
3500 Lacey Road, Suite 150  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

**USERS:** Districtwide

**TERM:** The term of this agreement shall commence no sooner than February 5, 2026, and continue for (1) one year after such commencement date.

**SCOPE OF SERVICES:**

CompTIA Inc will provide City Colleges of Chicago with **CompTIA Security+ and Network+ certification exams** to enable eligible students enrolled in designated programs to earn an industry-recognized credential in Cybersecurity. ComTIA will further provide:

- Curriculum aligned with industry certification standards
- Authorized training materials and resources
- Proctored examination services
- Official certification upon successful completion for students
- Instructor certification and ongoing support services

**BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:**

The services provided by CompTIA expands access to a nationally recognized cybersecurity credential that strengthens workforce readiness for City Colleges of Chicago students, particularly students from underrepresented and economically disadvantaged backgrounds represented in the TechQuity program. By reducing financial barriers to certification, the program improves student completion outcomes, enhances job placement potential in high-demand cybersecurity roles, and advances City Colleges of Chicago's mission to align academic programs with labor market needs and equitable economic mobility.

**VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:**

In accordance with the sole source policy and procedures, this purchase is exempt from the district's competitive bidding process.

**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 (IT certification exam services) 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:** \$35,000

**Charge to:** Office of Academic Affairs

**Source of Funds:** Grant Funded- TechQuity

**Budget Line:** 53/540000-21000-000118-30000-8073425000

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Juan Salgado**  
**Chancellor**

**February 5, 2026 – Office of Academic Affairs - COE in Business**