

ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
JULY 9, 2026

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

**ORIGINALITY CHECKING SOFTWARE
D2L LTD.
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
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 agreement, to execute an agreement with D2L LTD. to provide AI and originality checking services for a period commencing no sooner than September 15, 2026, and continuing for (3) three years after such commencement date, at a total cost not to exceed \$258,124 for the term of the agreement.

VENDOR: D2L LTD.
210 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 400A
Towson, MD 21204

USERS: District Wide

TERM:

The term of the agreement shall commence no sooner than September 15, 2026, and will continue for (3) three years after such commencement date, with an option to renew for two (2) one-year periods.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The scope includes licensing of an originality checking service and generative AI detection function for reviewing class assignments submitted by students. This service will be provided by D2L through D2L's strategic partnership with CopyLeaks.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:

An originality and generative AI checker helps uphold academic standards by detecting unoriginal content, ensuring students submit work that reflects their own understanding; automates the process of checking for copied or improperly cited work, allowing instructors to focus on teaching and providing meaningful feedback; generates reports that can be used to help students learn proper citation practices and understand the difference between paraphrasing and plagiarism; and finally, provides objective evidence when originality is questioned, which can help resolve conflicts and enforce institutional policies fairly.

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:

Specifications were prepared by District Procurement staff and RFP #MWJ2602 was publicly advertised on March 4, 2026, and issued to three (3) companies. On March 10, 2026, the following three (3) companies responded: 1) CoGrader Company, 2) D2L Ltd., and 3) Turnitin, LLC.

The proposals were reviewed, evaluated, and ranked by faculty and staff from the Offices of Academic Affairs, Online Learning, Information Technology, Malcolm X College, and Truman College.

The proposals were evaluated based on the following criteria:

- I. Ability to achieve the objectives and scope of services described in this RFP, including ability to meet any special requirements (two (2) Texts sample analyses)
- II. Proposed Team Structure, if applicable to the scope
- III. Qualifications of Proposer
- IV. Reasonableness of overall price

The committee invited the two (2) highest ranked proposals received from D2L Ltd. and Turnitin for oral presentations and demonstrations of their systems. Turnitin earned the highest overall total points. The differentiator was the feedback interface. However, due to budgetary constraints, the committee decided that CopyLeaks, offered by D2L LTD, is adequate to meet the core requirements of providing originality and generative AI checking capabilities.

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 as a service) 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: \$258,124

Charge to: Office of Information Technology

Source of Funds: Capital and Education

Budget Line: 53/54000-92015-0023003-80000

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Respectfully submitted,

Juan Salgado
Chancellor

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