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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**

**PROFESSIONAL EVALUATION SERVICES
EDUDREAM LLC
INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS
MALCOLM X COLLEGE**

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 exercise an agreement with EduDREAM LLC for Professional Evaluation Services for the period from July 9, 2026, through September 15, 2026, at a total cost not to exceed \$50,000 for the term of the agreement.

VENDOR: EduDREAM LLC
227 W. Monroe St. Ste 2100
Chicago, IL 60606

USERS: Malcolm X College HSI Stem Metas Grant

TERM:

The original term of this agreement commences on July 9, 2026, and continues through September 15, 2026.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

EduDREAM LLC will conduct a summative evaluation of the HSI STEM METAS program to assess program effectiveness and outcomes, document lessons learned and inform continuous improvement. The evaluation will examine whether the program has achieved its intended outputs and outcomes as defined in the grant objectives. The approach will be grounded in the program's theory of change and will employ a mixed-methods design to assess the extent to which expected outcomes were achieved.

Phase 1: Preparing for Primary Data Collection

EduDREAM will conduct stakeholder outreach and implement a participant recruitment strategy. EduDREAM will develop and refine data collection instruments, including interview and focus group protocols, to ensure alignment with the evaluation questions and program goals)

Phase 2: Primary Data Collection

EduDREAM will collect primary data using systematic, human-centered, and culturally responsive methods. Data collection activities will include interviews, focus groups, and the collection of relevant program and participant data to support both qualitative and quantitative analyses.

Phase 3: Analysis and Synthesis

EduDREAM will analyze and synthesize all data gathered in the previous phases to generate insights and key findings. Participant outcome data for all cohorts will be requested to address Evaluation Question 4 (EQ4) related to the program's overall impact. The analysis will include both quantitative and qualitative methods, with triangulation across data sources to strengthen findings. Experimental impact analyses of academic outcomes will be conducted using intent-to-treat (ITT) methods. Outcomes examined will include GPA, STEM course success, retention, transfer rates, and degree completion. Baseline equivalence across groups will be assessed, and differences in outcomes will be tested using t-tests, chi-square tests, and regression models that control for relevant covariates. Qualitative data will be analyzed using NVivo software. Data will be coded using both pre-identified themes aligned with the research questions and emergent themes from the data. Standard qualitative analysis techniques will be employed, including iterative review and team consultation to ensure rigor and consistency.

Phase 4: Develop Summative Report

During this final phase, EduDREAM will complete all analyses, triangulate findings across methods and data sources, and synthesize results into a comprehensive summative evaluation report. EduDREAM will also facilitate a learning session with the METAS project team and key stakeholders to present findings, discuss lessons learned, and share actionable recommendations.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:

The U.S. Department of Education requires a summative evaluation of the METAS HSI Grant in Year 5. The evaluation will determine the extent to which the program has achieved its intended outputs and outcomes as outlined in the approved grant objectives; document lessons learned and inform continuous improvement efforts.

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 has determined that the vendor has complied with the Board Approved MBE/WBE Contract Participation Plan with a recommended full waiver of the 7% WBE goal.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>MBE or WBE</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Participation</u>	<u>Certifying Agency</u>
EduDREAM LLC 227 W. Monroe St. Ste 2100 Chicago, IL 60606	MBE	100	Direct	Cook County

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: \$50,000

Charge to: Malcolm X College

Source of Funds: HSI STEM METAS GRANT Restricted Fund (Grant)

Budget Line: 530000-21000-3000750-80000-1078930

Respectfully submitted,

**Juan Salgado
Chancellor**

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