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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

IT INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES
PACE SYSTEMS, INC.
CDW GOVERNMENT LLC
THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DISTRICT WIDE

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 agreement, to authorize the execution of an agreement with Pace Systems, Inc. and CDW Government LLC (CDW-G), on an as needed basis for the purchase and/or installation of network equipment, software, licensing equipment and services related to OIT Infrastructure projects. The agreement will commence no sooner than August 1, 2026, and ending date of June 30, 2028, at an aggregate total cost not to exceed \$5,231,780 with up to \$4,144,912 with Pace Systems Inc. and up to \$1,086,868 with CDW Government LLC (CDW-G).

VENDOR: Pace Systems, Inc.
2040 Corporate Lane
Naperville, Illinois 60563

CDW Government LLC (CDW-G)
300 North Milwaukee Avenue
Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061

USER: Office of Information Technology- DISTRICT WIDE

TERM:

The term of this agreement shall begin no sooner than August 1, 2026, and shall end on June 30, 2028.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Pace Systems, Inc. and CDW Government LLC will sell various IT network Infrastructure products and related services to the City Colleges of Chicago (CCC). Products and services include network equipment, software, licensing, equipment, installation, and services as well as support services for certain hardware and technical services and sales support for the following infrastructure enhancements:

1. **Campus Wide Data & Fiber Cabling**
 - Installation and upgrade of data and fiber cabling across the District to improve network connectivity and performance.
2. **Data Closet Cooling**

- Implement cooling solutions for network closets to maintain safe operating temperatures and protect equipment reliability.
- 3. Load Balancer Enhancement**
 - Replacement of the existing load balancers at both data centers to maintain reliable and uninterrupted system services.
- 4. Virtual and Physical Server Improvement**
 - Replace aging virtual server equipment across the District to improve system performance, reliability, and supportability.
 - Professional services to support Microsoft-related technology improvements
- 5. Certificate Automation**
 - Automate certificate renewal processes to improve efficiency and reduce manual administrative tasks.
- 6. EntraID Enhancement**
 - Enhance identity management capabilities to improve security and streamline operational processes.
- 7. WIFI Enhancements**
 - Upgrade and expand wireless access points across the District to improve Wi-Fi coverage, reliability, and connectivity.
- 8. Network Infrastructure Enhancement**
 - Professional services to improve and strengthen the organization's network, wireless connectivity, and security infrastructure.
 - Enhancement of network security through improved segmentation and modern security design.
 - Deployment of monitoring tools at both data centers to improve network visibility, performance monitoring, and issue detection

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:

This solution will authorize CCC to order a wide range of IT equipment, software and services that are essential to technology enabled classrooms, labs, libraries, and other learning spaces, as well as the security department and the overall operation of the district, to support the following:

1. **More reliable systems** - Upgrades make systems more stable and reduce outages.
2. **Stronger security** - Improvements to better protect data and control access.
3. **Less manual work** - Automation reduces repetitive tasks and human errors.
4. **Better experience for users** - Faster WIFI and improved performance across campuses.
5. **Better visibility into issues** - Tools help identify and fix problems more quickly.
6. **Reduced risk of downtime** - Improved equipment and cooling help keep systems running.
7. **Expert support for faster results** - Outside specialists help ensure projects are done efficiently and correctly

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:

The vendors being utilized are part of our participation in various purchasing consortiums to leverage the aggregate purchasing power of the community colleges in Illinois. Pursuant to Board Report #29816 and #32583, the Board approved the use of the Illinois Higher Education Cooperative (IPHEC). Pace Systems, Inc and CDW Government LLC (CDW-G) were awarded in accordance with the procurement procedures as detailed in RFP # IPHEC 2011 (Computer Components, Networking, Supplies and Related Services) and approved under IPHEC purchasing consortium contracts.

MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE:

The Office of Procurement Services has reviewed the proposed compliance plans and determined that both Vendors have complied with the Board Approved MBE/WBE Contract Participation Plan:

Pace Systems, Inc.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>MBE or WBE</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Participation</u>	<u>Certifying Agency</u>
Pace Systems, Inc. 2040 Corporate Lane Naperville, Illinois 60563	MBE	93	Direct	NMSDC
Wrangler Tech 9000 West 67 th St. Hodgkins, IL 60525	WBE	7	Direct	Cook County

CDW-Government, LLC (CDW)

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>MBE or WBE</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Participation</u>	<u>Certifying Agency</u>
Betis Group, Inc. 1451 Dolley Madison Blvd, Suite 230 McLean, VA 22101	MBE	25	Indirect	State of IL - CEI
Liquid PC, LLC 200 International Drive, Suite 105 Portsmouth, NH 03801	WBE	7	Indirect	WBENC

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: \$5,231,780.00

Charge to: Office of Information Technology

Sources of Funds: Education Fund, Capital Fund

Budget Lines: 53/540000-00003-0023004-80000
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Respectfully submitted,

Juan Salgado
Chancellor

July 9, 2026 – The Office of Information Technology