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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
JUNE 4, 2026

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

VIRTUAL DESKTOP SOFTWARE FOR ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM
APPORTO CORPORATION
HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

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 enter into an agreement with Apporto Corporation to provide virtual desktop software for the Architecture Program at Harold Washington College, for the period beginning no sooner than July 1, 2026, and continuing for three (3) years after such commencement, at a cost not to exceed \$180,000.

VENDOR: Apporto Corporation
3558 Round Barn Boulevard, Suite 200
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

USER: Harold Washington College

TERM:

The term of this agreement shall commence no sooner than July 1, 2026, and continue for three (3) years after commencement date, with an option to extend for one (1) additional two-year period.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Apporto Corporation will provide Harold Washington College Architectural Technology students with access to a cloud-hosted, Desktop-as-a-Service (DaaS) virtual desktop platform. It will allow Architecture students to remotely access their Learning Management Systems, applications, portfolios, and desktops from anywhere, on any device, through a web browser. Apporto Corporation will provide scalability at \$600 per license, with access to 2vCPU, 8GB RAM GPU, and 10GB storage.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:

This solution will authorize Harold Washington College to continue providing Architectural Technology students with access to virtual desktop software, the ability to complete their coursework remotely and at their convenience. The software integrates with LMS Brightspace and department-specific software such as AutoCAD, Revit, and SketchUp.

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:

Specifications were prepared by District Procurement staff and a Request for Proposal (RFP) #NG2605 was publicly advertised on February 19, 2026. Four (4) vendors were directly contacted. On March 25, 2026, the following two (2) firms responded to the RFP: 1) Apporto Corporation, 2) Samana Group LLC.

All proposals were reviewed, evaluated and ranked by a selection committee which included Harold Washington College Architectural Technology Faculty, Business Office, Office of Information Technology, and Administrative and Procurement Services.

The evaluation criteria included:

1. Ability to achieve the objectives and scope of services described in the RFP.
2. Quality of proposal project plan.
3. Qualifications of proposer and references.
4. Reasonableness of overall price.
5. MBE/WBE compliance.

Based on the evaluation scoring of the written proposals, only one supplier revealed to be qualified, thus the evaluation committee determined that oral presentations were not necessary. The committee unanimously recommends the contract be awarded to Apporto Corporation to provide the virtual desktop software.

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 (virtual desktop architectural software) and limited 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: \$180,000

Charge to: Harold Washington College

Sources of Funds: Education Fund

Budget Line: 540000-00003-2020250-10000

Respectfully submitted,

**Juan Salgado
Chancellor**

June 4, 2026 – Harold Washington College