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ADOPTED – BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
NO. 508
NOVEMBER 5, 2026

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

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM
TRI-BAR, S.A. INC.
MALCOLM X COLLEGE
THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:
that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair, upon final approval of the General Counsel of the legal form of such an agreement, to exercise an agreement with TRI-BAR, S.A. Inc. for the period of November 5, 2026, through May 31, 2027, at a total cost not to exceed $84,025 for the term of the agreement.

VENDOR: TRI-BAR S.A. Inc.
Ave 1 a sur Carrasquilla, Panama

USERS: Malcolm X College

TERM: The term of the agreement shall commence on November 5, 2026, through May 31, 2027

SCOPE OF SERVICES:
TRI-BAR S.A. will provide selected and qualified students with access to a high-quality Study Abroad Program focusing on social-emotional learning, cultural competency, identity attainment, and service-learning. The program includes a trip to Panama City, Panama scheduled from April 8, 2027, thru April 17, 2027.

Tri-BAR S.A. will be responsible for providing transportation, housing, guidance, coordination, food, and oversight for both students and chaperones. Included in the per participant cost for the Panama trips are accommodations for up to 7 chaperones, consisting of City Colleges employees and one community member, as outlined in the service agreement. TRI-BAR is offering 2 chaperones at no additional charge for 2 chaperones.

The cost for Panama City, Panama is $2,720 for 24 students and 6 chaperones totaling 30 participants based upon a maximum of 24 students. If student participation falls to 25 or fewer, the cost may not exceed $2,815 per participant. Should a single room be required, a single supplement charge of $725.00 per person will apply for Panama City, Panama. Additionally, a contingency amount of $1,700.00 has been allocated to cover potential International Wire Transfer fees, Cyber Charges, and fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:
The Malcolm X College Study Abroad Program has demonstrated measurable success in advancing student learning and engagement. Among participants, 92% reported increased global and cultural

awareness, and one in three students traveled internationally for the first time. These outcomes highlight the program's effectiveness in expanding access to global education and providing transformative learning experiences that broaden students' perspectives and support their academic growth.

This vendor will provide valuable and essential services that directly support student success and program goals. No other vendor was able to offer the same inclusive out-of country travel services at a comparable and affordable rate. In addition to the international experience, student develop social and emotional learning skills, cultural competencies, and identity attainment, all of which align with key student Learning outcomes. Participants also have the opportunity to earn two credit hours toward gradations.

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA: In accordance with the sole source of 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 (study abroad program) 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: $ 8 4 , 0 2 5 . 0 0
Charge to: Malcolm X College
Source of Funds: Enterprise Fund
Budget Line: 530000-07043-3000150-60000 (UC Operating)

Respectfully submitted,

Juan Salgado
Chancellor

November 5, 2026 – Study Abroad Program, Malcolm X College