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COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
NOVEMBER 5, 2026

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

WORK BASED LEARNING PLATFORM
JCV VENTURES INC. d.b.a. GOSPROUT
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC & WORKPLACE INNOVATION DISTRICT

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 JCV Ventures, Inc. d.b.a. GoSprout for a work-based learning platform for the period from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2029, at a total cost not to exceed $440,000 for the term of the agreement.

VENDOR: JCV Ventures, Inc d/b/a GoSprout
400 NW 26th Street
Miami, FL 33131

USERS: District

TERM:
The term of this agreement shall commence January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2029, with two (2) options to renew for one (1) year each.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:
City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) seeks Board approval to procure GoSprout to design, implement and support a work-based learning management platform to centralize, streamline, and scale the administration of work-based learning opportunities across the District. As CCC expands opportunities for students, the administration of different programs, partnerships, career readiness activities, and related programs has become increasingly complex. Existing processes require significant staff time to coordinate students, employers, program requirements, documentation, communications, and outcomes across multiple systems and workflows. The platform will serve as a centralized system to manage and automate the full work-based learning lifecycle.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:
The proposed platform will reduce administrative burden, improve coordination and data visibility, standardize processes across programs, and provide CCC with the infrastructure needed to increase the number and quality of work-based learning opportunities available to students. It will also strengthen CCC's ability to monitor participation and outcomes and use data to inform program and resource decisions.

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:
The RFP was advertised on Monday, June 29, 2026, in the Chicago Sun-Times, posted on CCC's

Procurement site (Euna/Bonfire) and an invitation to review the RFP information was sent to 306 companies. A Pre-Proposal Meeting was held on Monday, July 6, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Proposals were due on Friday, July 31, 2026, at 12:00 pm.

CCC received 13 proposals from the following vendor(s):

1) 12twenty
2) Blender Education LLC
3) BuildWithin
4) Bytronix Labs LLC
5) Career Edge LLC
6) Concourse Tech Inc.
7) EBSCO Information Services LLC
8) GoSprout
9) Influx Media Inc.
10) Metaintro
11) STEAMe
12) Symplicity
13) WorkHands

Bytronix Labs LLC was disqualified as they did not meet the required qualification of being in business for at least two full calendar years.

The members of the evaluation committee were responsible for evaluating proposals for providing a Work Based Learning Platform. Each committee member independently reviewed and rated the proposal based on the criteria outlined in the RFP, which included:

1. Qualifications and experience of firm (20 pts)
2. Past experience with similar services for educational institutions or govt. entities (25 pts)
3. Proposer's Implementation Plan for the requested services (25 pts)
4. Fee / Cost Proposal (20 pts)
5. M/WBE Compliance: To be reviewed and evaluated by the Contract Compliance Administrator - (10 max. pts.)

Based on the written proposal rankings, the evaluation committee invited GoSorout, BuildWithin and Career Edge LLC to present oral presentations/demonstrations of their services.

The oral presentations took place on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. The committee asked the proposers to highlight their services based on the following evaluation criteria:

1. Functionality (25 pts.)
2. Reporting (15 pts.)

3. Technical (20 pts.)
4. Implementation (20 pts.)
5. Final Pricing (20 pts)

After the oral presentations, Career Edge LLC was no longer considered for award.

Three final clarifying questions were asked of GoSprout and BuildWithin as their scores were very close, and some clarification was requested by the Evaluation Committee.

Based on the total scoring package (Written Proposal, Compliance, Oral Presentations & Final Questions), the Evaluation Committee unanimously recommended the contract be awarded to GoSprout.

MBE/WBE COMPLIANCE:
The Office of Procurement Services has reviewed the proposed compliance plan and determined the Vendor has complied with the Board Approved MBE/WBE Contract Participation Plan:

Vendor	**MBE or WBE**	**%**	**Participation**	**Certifying Agency**
JCV Ventures, Inc d/b/a GoSprout 400 NW 26th Street Miami, FL 33131	MBE	93	Direct	NMSDC
Fair Future LLC 2812 Cambridge St. Philadelphia, PA 19120	WBE	7	Direct	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: $440,000
Charge to: Academic Affairs
Source of Funds: Grant
Budget Line: 530000-21000-0019022-20000

Respectfully submitted,

Juan Salgado
Chancellor

November 5, 2026 – District Office: Economic & Workforce Innovation