

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

**CHEMILUMINESCENT IMAGER
THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC d.b.a. FISHER SCIENCE EDUCATION
BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT
HARRY S TRUMAN**

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 Thermo Fisher Scientific d.b.a. Fisher Science Education for the purchase of a Chemiluminescent Imager for the period from October 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at a total cost not to exceed \$28,500 for the term of the agreement.

VENDOR: Thermo Fisher Scientific d.b.a. Fisher Science Education
300 Industry Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15275

USERS: Harry S Truman College

TERM: The term of this agreement shall commence on October 1, 2026, and continued through June 30, 2027

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The iBright™ CL1500 Imaging System is an essential instrument for imaging chemiluminescent Western blots, fluorescently stained DNA and RNA gels, and visible protein gels. Procuring this equipment will eliminate the need for a dedicated darkroom, improving laboratory efficiency while providing a modern, streamlined imaging solution.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:

The iBright™ CL1500 Imaging System is a critical component of biotechnology and molecular biology laboratories and is extensively used in Biotechnology courses for the detection and analysis of proteins, DNA, and RNA. As Harry S Truman College offers an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Biotechnology, the iBright™ CL1500 Imaging System will provide students with hands-on training in industry-standard molecular biology techniques that are fundamental to both academic research and biotechnology careers.

Furthermore, as Harry S Truman College continues to expand undergraduate research opportunities in STEM and CTE to support its Center of Excellence (COE) initiatives, this equipment will significantly enhance instructional and research capabilities. The imaging system will strengthen laboratory

instruction, support faculty and student research projects, and better prepare graduates with the technical competencies required by employers in the biotechnology and life sciences workforce.

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:

In Board Report #29816 and #32583, the Board approved the participation in the use of OMNIA Partners (formerly U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance). Thermo Fisher Scientific d.b.a. Fisher Science Education was awarded contract #2021002889 in accordance with the procurement procedures as detailed in RFP # 002101-July2020, (General Lab Supply & Distribution Services). Pursuant to State law, contracts for goods and services procured from another governmental entity are exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements.

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 (iBright imaging system) 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: \$28,500

Charge to: Harry S Truman College

Source of Funds: [Restricted (Grant) Fund]

Budget Line: 540000-21000-4000450-20000-103262740 (CTE Perkins)

Respectfully submitted,

**Juan Salgado
Chancellor**