

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

**MANAGED WEBSITE HOSTING
PANTHEON SYSTEMS, INC.
OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DISTRICT WIDE
(RENEWAL)**

THE CHANCELLOR RECOMMENDS:

that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair, upon final approval of the General Counsel of the legal form of such agreements, to exercise the option to renew the agreement with Pantheon Systems, Inc. for Managed Website Hosting for the period from January 2, 2027, through January 1, 2029, for a total amount not to exceed \$290,400

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

USERS: District Wide

ORIGINAL TERM:

In accordance with Board Report 34900, the term of the agreement commenced on October 1, 2023, through January 1, 2027, with an option to extend for an additional two (2) 2-year periods.

FIRST RENEWAL TERM:

The first renewal term of the agreement shall commence on January 2, 2027, through January 1, 2029, with a final option to renew for an additional 2-year period.

SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Pantheon Systems is a Web Operations/Managed Hosting Platform as a Service (PAAS) for WordPress, CCC's chosen CMS (content management system). The platform will provide CCC managed infrastructure, development tools, performance that meets or exceeds industry standards, and managed security, as well as migration and support services.

BENEFIT TO CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO:

Pantheon offers a 99.99% uptime, which ensures that CCC's critical websites and applications are always available. Pantheon handles site security and provides mechanisms for keeping servers and software up to date. Pantheon allows for on-demand scaling to account for site traffic spikes.

Pantheon will enable CCC's MarCom team to:

- Easily publish content using WordPress

- Release new features, measure results, and iterate on those features
- Improve SEO rankings and conversion rates through fast page-response time

CCC's OIT team will be able to

- Use built-in developer tools
- Work collaboratively in a code repository with feature branches
- Ensure the reliability and security of CCC's various web properties.
- Manage users and sites from a central dashboard.

VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA:

Pursuant to Board Report 34900, specifications were prepared by District Procurement staff and RFP #SN2301 was publicly advertised on March 27, 2023, and issued to six (6) firms. On April 24, 2023, one (1) firm responded, Pantheon Systems, Inc. The proposal was reviewed, evaluated, and ranked by an evaluation committee which included staff from the Offices of Information Technology and Marketing and Communications.

The firm was evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Vendor/Company Background, History, and Overview
2. System Architecture
3. Migration and other professional services
4. Core features and functionality
5. Experience in Higher Education
6. Cost/Fee Proposal
7. MBE/WBE compliance

Based on the evaluation of the written proposal, the committee recommends acceptance of the proposal from Pantheon Systems, Inc. to provide Managed Website Hosting to the City Colleges of Chicago.

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 (managed website hosting).

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: \$290,400

Charge to: Office of Information Technology

Source of Funds: Education Fund

Budget Line: 540000-00003-0023003-80000

**Respectfully submitted,
Juan Salgado
Chancellor**

September 3, 2026 – Office of Information Technology