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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508  
County of Cook and State of Illinois

AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH BLACKBOARD  
FOR SERVER LICENSES AND HOSTING SERVICES  
ALL COLLEGES

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that in Board Report 23738, dated April 6, 2003, the Board approved a license agreement for district-wide access to Blackboard's single-server Internet course management system with hosting services by Blackboard, Inc.; and

that Blackboard is a web-based publishing system specifically designed to assist faculty in creating online communities to support classes and enhance the learning experiences of students; for example Blackboard enables faculty to:

- Post syllabi to the web;
- Add information about their courses, such as office hours and names of teaching assistants;
- Add hyperlinks to external web sites;
- Add documents for students to download;
- Create e-mail listservs for their students;
- Hold online chats for their classes;
- Administer online tests and exams; and

that Blackboard, Inc. has submitted a proposal to extend the Blackboard license including maintenance and support for the period of April 28, 2004 through June 30, 2005 for a total cost of \$44,500.00 and provide hosting services at a total cost of \$49,400; and

that OIT staff has determined that Blackboard's software product and its proposal are reasonable and acceptable, and recommends approval of the Blackboard license agreement for the period indicated above and this software license is exempt from the District's competitive bidding requirements.

THE CHANCELLOR

RECOMMENDS

that the Board of Trustees approve the negotiation and the amendment of the agreement with Blackboard Inc. for the period April 28, 2004 through June 30, 2005 for hosting services and the Blackboard license including support and maintenance in a total amount not to exceed \$93,900.00 and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute any documents pertaining to this amendment.

FINANCE: \$93,900.00 – Educational Fund – # 50800-0023001

Respectfully submitted:

Wayne D. Watson  
Chancellor

March 31, 2004