

10. NEW BUSINESS

**10.5. TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND ADVISORY SERVICES**

**Lead Staff:** Allison Porterfield-Woods, Chief Information Officer

**Funding Source:** FY26 budget

**Funding Request:** \$459,010.00

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Gartner, INC	\$459,010.00

**Explanation of Purchase:** This purchase provides CLC with ongoing expert vendor-agnostic technology research and advisory services that enable data-driven decision making, strengthen vendor negotiations and RFP processes, and ensures the College's technology investments are strategically sound and competitively priced.

Pursuant to 110 ILCS 805/3-27.1 (a), contracts for the services of individuals possessing a high degree of professional skill where the ability or fitness of the individual plays an important part; are exempt from the competitive bidding process.

**Recommendation:** Approve a three-year agreement from May 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, with Gartner, INC of Stamford, CT in a not-to-exceed amount of \$459,010.00.