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AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF PORTAL HOST COMPUTERS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES UTILIZING A STATE OF OREGON CONTRACT

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REPORT: The College's Information Technology Services (ITS) Department has a need to purchase Hewlett Packard (HP) Itanium host computers and storage array for the PCC Portal Project. The implementation of a PCC Portal is a strategic decision that will improve communication and access for students, faculty, staff and the community. Purchasing HP host computers will allow ITS to leverage their knowledge and skills of HP operating systems and hardware. Portal host computers will allow the College to take advantage of E-Commerce and web-based software solutions for the next five to ten years.

Instead of using a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, ITS wishes to purchase the HP host computers utilizing an existing State of Oregon/Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) price agreement with HP (contract # 90-00151) for the purchase of storage devices and servers. Utilization of this price agreement is exempt from a further competitive process since it is under an existing Governmental contract (PCC Rule 200.280,2). However, contracts that exceed $50,000 require Board approval.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors authorize ITS to purchase HP host computers and storage array. The new host computers (hardware, software, and installation) and first year maintenance costs will total $217,899. Additional maintenance costs for the subsequent four years are estimated to total $171,882 (2nd year - $34,563, 3rd year - $34,563, 4th year - $51,378, and 5th year - $51,378). Expenditures will be paid from the General Fund, and Title III Grant funds.