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AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE TO EXISTING
TECHNOLOGY CONSULTING SERVICES
CONTRACTS WITH RIGHT SYSTEMS INC

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REPORT: The College has a need to continue working with Right Systems Inc. (RSI) for the completion and the implementation of the Network Redesign Project (NRP). This is deemed a high priority project to improve PCC's network and its security. Compared to the NRP design and project management consulting services that Virtual Information Executives (VIE) provide, RSI is providing technical network engineering services and hands-on assistance in the network architecture design and implementation of the NRP and its specifications. The work completed by RSI to date for the NRP includes the discovery and network architecture design phases, and assistance in proper equipment procurement. The NRP is entering the testing, deployment/implementation and stabilization phases, which require substantial work from network engineers as well as continued network architecture support. Staff originally planned to utilize 40% each of 2 Technology Specialists III (staff network engineers) for the duration of the project. The actual experience in the past year showed that the internal network engineers have only been available 5% due to the operations demands and staff vacancies. As such, we will need to ask RSI to take on more work than originally planned. RSI has provided and will continue to provide network architecture and network engineering consulting and support. Going forward, this will comprise equipment deployment including scheduling, installation,

training, and transition to new core network routers and firewall equipment. The NRP deployment is scheduled to be completed by September 30, 2015.

Due to the expanded scope of RSI involvement to provide needed help in completion the NRP through September 2015, staff is requesting an additional \$350,000 to the Board approved resolution BA 14-038 (\$225,000) in October 2013 for a revised total of \$575,000 from 2008 Bond funds. The estimated contract increase exceeds the \$150,000 threshold, which will require Board of Directors approval.

The contract terms with RSI are based on the existing cooperative contract with Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, reference #T08-MST-733. The competitive process was done by the State of Washington. The College Procurement Rules (CCR 214) allow the use of cooperative contracts without going through an additional competitive process.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors approve additional funding and authorize the department staff to amend the contract with Right Systems Inc. to authorize the additional required work for an additional \$350,000 through September 30, 2015, when the NRP will be complete. The Washington Cooperative Contract under which the College procured its contract with RSI currently expires on June 30, 2015. It is expected to be extended for another year pursuant to the terms of the original procurement, but that is not guaranteed. For this reason, the Board's approval of the amended contract is subject to the condition, required by ORS 279A.220 and CCR.205 that if the Washington Cooperative Contract is not extended, then the amended contract with RSI will expire on June 30, 2015. The amended contract with RSI will contain such condition. Funding will be from the 2008 Bond Fund.