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BOARD ACTION

Approval of Contracts Exceeding \$1M for:

- a. Systemwide: College Source Vendor, PALS Agreement and Oracle Contract, Insight Public Sector – Microsoft and Related Microsoft Support and Extension of License Agreement with Augusoft, Inc.**
- b. Minnesota State University, Mankato Hockey Center Lease and IT Network Purchase**
- c. Inver Hills Community College Construction Contract**

BACKGROUND

Board Policy 5.14, Procurement and Contracts, requires that contracts, including amendments, with values greater than \$1,000,000, must be approved in advance by the Board of Trustees. This report presents system wide and college and university contracts for consideration and approval by the Board.

Systemwide Contracts Exceeding \$1M for:

- a. College Source Vendor.** College Source is a vendor with several software products that MnSCU licenses in order to provide important online student services. The vendor provides two products to MnSCU, “u.select” and “u.achieve”.

MnSCU Board Policy *3.21 Undergraduate Course Credit Transfer Part 5. Official Repository of Course Equivalents*, updated 5/19/2010, states that u.achieve (formerly Degree Audit Record System or DARS) and u.select (Transferology) shall be the official repository of course equivalencies between system colleges and universities.

MnSCU Board Policy *3.39 Transfer Rights and Responsibilities Subpart C* states that the DARS (now u.achieve) is the electronic system that provides for an evaluation of a student's academic record indicating completion toward the student's academic program requirements.

The annual maintenance of u.achieve provides the necessary support for all MnSCU students, advisors and college/university staff to use degree audit reports to plan for program or degree completion. Over 1.5 million degree audit reports are run each year by students and advisors. More than 26,000 student user accounts have been created in u.select (Transferology) in the last year, with students adding 248,000 courses and creating 14,000 plans (degree audits) as they plan for transfer.

MnSCU has been under contract with the vendor since July, 1999. The committee's approval is sought to continue with College Source up to July 31, 2018, at an average annual cost of \$110,000 for a not to exceed cumulative total of \$1,900,000. The total cost of services provided by College Source will continue to be shared with the University of Minnesota.

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEE AND BOARD ACTION:

The Finance and Facilities Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the following motion:

The Board of Trustees approves the continuation of the agreement with College Source up to July 31, 2018, at an average cost of \$110,000 for a not to exceed cumulative total of \$1,900,000.

a. PALS Agreement and Oracle Contract. This contract provides staffing for the system-wide helpdesk and support center used by colleges

System-wide participation assures licensing compliance for both new and legacy software versions. The entire Microsoft catalog of software products is available under this agreement. Products include operating systems, desktop productivity tools, client access licenses, server software, server licenses, and cloud services. Licensing costs for Microsoft EES are paid by

teams will base all hockey operations in the Verizon Center as the new performing arts/mixed use space will allow the arena to be devoted to hockey operations. Office and support space will be available year round. The arena will be available for practices and games each year from September to until the end of the NCAA Ice Hockey Championships in mid-April.

The lease arrangement with the Verizon Civic Center as part of the City of Mankato is not an uncommon arrangement in Division I hockey. In Minnesota, Duluth and Bemidji have very similar lease arrangements with publicly owned off campus facilities. Historically Mankato differs slightly from Duluth and Bemidji in that Mankato locally funded the entire initial civic center/arena project while both Bemidji and Duluth received a portion of construction funds from the State of Minnesota as regional projects. The base lease rate

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