

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

June 8, 2022

TOPIC: Turnitin, LLC

PRESENTED BY: Landon K. Pirus, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Transform the Student Experience.

Design rigorous educational experiences that combine the delivery of practical knowledge with the development of student creativity.

Create Education Without Barriers Through Transformational Partnerships.

Devise technology-supported and hybrid educational delivery solutions that transcend time and place barriers, maintain high quality, and foster student success.

Redefine Our Value Proposition Through Accessibility, Affordability, Quality, Accountability, Resource Development, and Operational Excellence.

Increase external resource development capacity to allow investment in student scholarships, and in appropriate physical and technological resources that support high quality learning experiences.

EXPLANATION:

In order to protect and promote academic integrity across the System, CCCS solicited proposals for a plagiarism prevention tool in 2017. The company that was awarded the bid was Turnitin, LLC. Since Turnitin's product is software as a good, a state contract isn't required regardless of the purchase amount, the use of purchase orders is sufficient. The maximum five-year period from the last solicitation expires in FY22. An Invitation for Bid was conducted in April 2022. Committee members from CCCOnline, FRCC and RRCC evaluated the two proposals submitted and the consensus was to award the bid to Turnitin. Turnitin developed and offers a robust product that allows educational

institutions to check student work for possible textual matches against internet-available resources and its own proprietary database.

Below are the amounts per fiscal year.

2022-23 -- \$174,013

2023-24 -- \$182,714

2024-25 -- \$191,850

2025-26 -- \$201,443

2026-27 -- \$211,515

Total -- \$961,535

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board approve extending the engagement with Turnitin, LLC through June 30, 2027 with a do not exceed amount of \$961,535. Staff also recommends that the Board delegate contract signature authority to the System Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration provided all State and Board processes are followed.