

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

March 13, 2024

TOPIC: Desire 2 Learn (D2L) Contract Extension Amendment and Associated Spending Authority

PRESENTED BY: Diane Duffy, Executive Vice Chancellor

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:

The Colorado Community College System (CCCS) has an existing contract with D2L Ltd. for the System's learning management system (LMS) which supports the administration, reporting and delivery of e-learning education courses. The contract is effective July 2017 and expires June 30, 2024. Because the enterprise-wide effort to transition to the new online learning model, Colorado Online, coincided with the contract expiration, CCCS requested and the State granted approval to extend the contract for three additional years through 6/30/2027. When the transition to Colorado Online is completed, staff will begin the Request for Proposal (RFP) process in Spring/Summer of 2025. The RFP process is estimated to take a year and, if the outcome of the process results in a new LMS vendor, transitioning to a new LMS would take approximately one year.

The D2L contract amounts are based on a combination of student FTE license/hosting fees (which are dependent on student enrollment) and system support fees (which are fixed regardless of student enrollment). For purposes of the Board's approval, the figures below reflect a maximum "not to exceed" amount and are based on a 5% student enrollment increase and 2% annual contractual increase. If student enrollment comes in lower than the assumption, the annual payment amounts will be less than is listed below. If student enrollment comes in over the assumption during the contract period, staff will come back to the Board for additional spending approval.

2024-25 -- \$813,000
2025-26 -- \$867,000
2026-27 -- \$925,000
Total -- \$2,605,000

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve a contract extension amendment with D2L Ltd. for a learning management system as specified above, with a do not exceed total amendment amount of \$2,605,000 over the three-year extension period. Staff also recommends that the Board delegate contract signature authority to the System Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance provided all State and Board processes are followed.