

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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TOPIC: Dell Hardware Lease for Disaster Recovery / Business Continuity

PRESENTED BY: Julie Ouska, Chief Information Officer/Vice Chancellor, Information Technology

RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.

EXPLANATION:

CCCS-IT is requesting approval to utilize funding allocated for the disaster recovery / business continuity plan to lease hardware from Dell, Cisco and F5 through Dell Financial Services to replace the Hardware as a Service technology that OneNeck IT Solutions is currently providing to CCCS. CCCS-IT currently uses hardware provided by OneNeck to provide critical IT operations at the OneNeck data center and support redundant connectivity to the colleges and for Banner and other enterprise applications. This contract allows CCCS-IT to lease the hardware necessary to maintain the services provided to the colleges, upgrading to technology that will reduce our failover times and pave our way to migrate to the cloud over the next 3-5 years. Leasing the hardware allows us to migrate services to the cloud as the opportunity becomes available and to remove that hardware from the lease as appropriate. Since we don't know exactly when some systems will allow us to migrate them to the cloud or how long that migration might take, the leasing option gives us flexibility as we implement our cloud strategy.

The cost for this contract for three years is \$3,624,792.63 (which is a subset of the \$10,884,960 total project cost). This will be billed annually at the price of \$1,208,264.21. At the end of the 3 years CCCS would have the option to upgrade the hardware and enter into a new lease if necessary. Funding for this purchase would come from the Disaster Recovery / Business Continuity Plan funding, which was in the approved budget for FY22.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval for CCCS to proceed with the 3-year lease of hardware for the Disaster Recovery / Business Continuity Plan through Dell Financial Services, with a do not exceed amount of \$3,624,792.63. Staff also recommends that the Board delegate to the System Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration the authority to sign all related lease documents on the condition that all Board and State processes are followed.