



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
H. Martin Lancaster, President

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IMPORTANT!

MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents
Business Officers

FROM: Kennon D. Briggs
Vice President for Business & Finance

SUBJECT: Clarification of Equipment Funds for College
Information System Project

In response to questions from several community colleges concerning the source of funds for equipment and infrastructure upgrades required for the new college information system project, we have reviewed legislative intent for the use of equipment funds, including the funds that are provided by the 1999 General Assembly in House Bill 275.

The specific language and the intent of the equipment funds provided by HB 275 are to support worker training. As such, the expectation by the General Assembly is that the preponderance of expenditures for HB 275 funds will be to upgrade shops and labs and purchase instructional equipment, including microcomputers. Therefore, community colleges should utilize the HB 275 equipment funds (922) to meet their needs for equipment that is used for instruction, and meet needs for equipment and infrastructure upgrades for the new college information system through the regular equipment (920) and equipment reserve funds (921) (that total \$26.2 million for 2000-01). If, having exhausted all regular and equipment reserve dollars, funds are needed for the implementation of the new college information system, the Division of Business and Finance will review the needs on a case-by-case basis.

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Based on information provided by the Project Team that is developing the detailed plan for Phase 1 of the college information system, it is likely that the colleges that are participating in Phase 1 will need to acquire and install any new or upgraded servers, desktop computers and networks that are required for the new financial system before July 1, 2001, and for the new human resources and student information systems by January 1, 2002. Colleges that are not participating in Phase 1 may also wish to acquire new or upgraded equipment during 2000-01 and 2001-02 if funds are available, but will not be required to do so until 2002-03 and beyond. I understand that the Project Team will be providing sample configurations (including costs) within the next several months to assist in planning for equipment purchases.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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