

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Integrated Library System Contract Renewal

Request: The State Board is asked to approve \$268,923.40 for the third year of a three-year contract to continue the annual integrated library system services agreement with Sirsi, Inc., for the Unicorn Academe Library System used by 46 of our colleges and the System Office.

Rationale for Contract: Following a two-year procurement process carried out by the System Office and representatives from the college libraries, a contract was approved by the Division of Purchase and Contract and the State Board and awarded to Sirsi, Inc., of Huntsville, Alabama. On March 21, 2008 the SBCC approved a three-year renewal contract that expires June 30, 2011.

Under the terms of this agreement, Sirsi, Inc., provides the software licensing and maintenance support for the Unicorn Academe Library System. Unicorn is a proprietary software product that is only available from Sirsi. This is a central library system that is shared by a consortium of 46 of our colleges known as the Community College Libraries in North Carolina (CCLINC).

Method of Procurement: In accordance with the procurement practice of the State of North Carolina, approval was sought by outside purchasing authorities. The State IT Procurement Office has approved the contract.

Contract Amount and Time Period: The contract amount is \$268,923.40 and covers costs from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

Fund Availability: Contingent upon sufficient state appropriations.

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