

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES

**Enterprise Learning Management System Contract
(Blackboard Learning System Level III Upgrade)**

(Contract Renewal)

Request: The State Board is asked to approve the third year of a three year contract with Blackboard, Inc. for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The contract includes the third year pricing of \$1,540,842 for 53 licenses used by 52 community colleges and the System Office for access to the online learning management system (LMS). The contract also includes master terms for additional services that the community colleges may purchase directly from Blackboard, Inc.

Rationale for Contract: This contract is a system wide master term contract negotiated by NCCCS personnel to realize costs savings for all colleges using Blackboard LMS products and services.

This contract renewal incorporates the third year of a three-year contract providing Blackboard enterprise learning management system (E-LMS) software to 53 community college license holders. The third year contract price is \$1,540,842 and is paid on behalf of the 53 license holders by the NC Community College System Office (NCCCS).

The contract renewal has additional provisions for the direct purchase of extra services by individual colleges at a uniform price structure. These services are procured directly by the college with Blackboard, Inc. and are beyond the scope of the \$1,540,842 E-LMS software. The community college(s) will be invoiced directly by Blackboard, Inc. for the following services;

Content Management System is the (proprietary) “learning object” repository feature of Blackboard, which allows creation of sharing of digital learning materials among courses within an institution.

The E-Community Portal facilitates resource sharing, group collaboration, and is a full-featured e-portal.

ASP Service (Level III) is a complete consortium package offering colleges hosted services that are branded with individual college logos and customization.

NCCCS institutions not electing to use Blackboard:

- Bladen Community College
- Blue Ridge Community College
- Guilford Technical Community College
- Isothermal Community College
- Pamlico Community College
- Mayland Community College

- Randolph Community College
- Southeastern Community College
- South Piedmont Community College
- Surry Community College

Method of Procurement: In accordance with the procurement practice of the State of North Carolina, approval is being sought by outside purchasing authorities. Approval of the contract by the State Board is contingent upon approval by the State IT Procurement Office.

Contract Amount and Time Period: The State Board is asked to approve this third year contract with Blackboard in the amount of \$1,540,842 and the Uniform Pricing Structure for additional services for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. A Schedule of the Uniform Pricing Structure is attached.

Fund Availability: The \$1,540,842 for 53 LMS software licenses is funded with State General Fund appropriations and is subject to the availability of funds as appropriated by the General Assembly. Additional services procured by the community colleges according to the master term contract will be the responsibility of the community college and the college will be invoiced directly by Blackboard, Inc.

Contact Persons:

Dr. Bill Randall, Associate Vice President for Learning Technology Systems
Dr. Saundra Williams, Senior Vice President and Chief
Technology and Workforce Development