

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**  
**Contract for Online Computer Library Center**  
**FY 2019-20**

**Request:** The State Board of Community Colleges is requested to approve up to \$247,477.14 for a three-year contract for the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC). This three-year contract provides a subscription to bibliographic and catalog services for the System Office and community colleges libraries.

**Strategic Plan Reference:**

Theme: Student Interest and Access

Goal 1: Increase the percentage of North Carolinians, particularly within underserved populations, pursuing and easily accessing education or training through North Carolina community colleges.

- Objective 1.3: Identify and reduce access barriers for all prospective students, particularly among underserved populations.
  - Strategy 1.3.2 Promote more flexible scheduling and instructional delivery formats to reach non-traditional students.

**Background:** OCLC is the primary bibliographic/cataloging utility used by libraries worldwide, containing over 397 million bibliographic records in its database, with new records being added by the more than 72,000 member libraries every 10 seconds. It has been designated by the Interlibrary Cooperation Committee (appointed by the Division of State Library, Department of Cultural Resources) as the interlibrary loan system for North Carolina libraries, and continues to be a cost-effective method for providing the multiple services it offers and provides to the community college libraries. This resource provides over 2.5 billion holdings to the libraries and patrons in the NC Community College System (NCCCS).

OCLC's unlimited cataloging pricing includes access and all cataloging for all 58 community colleges. Community college library staff can import bibliographic data directly from OCLC to the library catalog.

NCCCS librarians/catalogers can achieve an approximate 98% hit rate when searching OCLC for titles, as compared to an approximate 60% hit rate on a manual system, thereby improving the staff time required to catalog materials. NCCCS contributes bibliographic cataloging data, representing material added to local community college library collections. NCCCS batch loads into OCLC new bibliographic and holdings data for the Community College Libraries in North Carolina (CCLINC) colleges from the current integrated library system Sirsi-Dynix. The System Office librarian continues to upload data for colleges not participating in the Integrated Library System consortium as part of their ongoing cataloging process.

This resource saves the State of North Carolina money as cataloged holdings are created once and shared by all libraries in NCCCS and across the state.

**Rationale for Contract:** The three-year contract includes a recurring subscription fee paid by the System Office in the amount of 78,501.87 for the first year. This multi-year contract allows NCCCS to receive cost reductions.

**Method of Procurement:** Approval of the contract by the State Board of Community Colleges is contingent upon approval by the NC Department of Information Technology Contracts and Strategic Sourcing.

**Contract Amount and Time Period:** The proposed contract period is from October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2022, for a total cost not to exceed \$247,477.14

Contract Year	Quote	Cumulative Total
Year 1: Oct 1-Sept 30, 2020	\$78,501.87	\$78,501.87
Year 2: Oct 1-Sept 30, 2021	\$82,426.96	\$160,928.83
Year 3: Oct 1-Sept 30, 2022	\$86,548.31	\$247,477.14

**Fund Source & Availability:** Funding is available from FY 2019-20 State General Fund Appropriations through June 30, 2020, and funding is contingent upon future fiscal year State General Fund Appropriations.

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