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ACCEPT PROPOSAL/AWARD CONTRACT FOR LONG  
DISTANCE PHONE SERVICE

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REPORT: The College Telecommunications Department has an ongoing need to contract with a qualified firm to provide long distance services for the College. For the past several years the College had utilized a State of Oregon contract with AT&T for the provision of long distance services. That contract has been re-awarded by the State but is now specifically only for State agency use.

A formal Request for Proposals (RFP) was advertised in the Daily Journal of Commerce and on the State of Oregon VIP System on August 10, 2001. RFP documents were issued to eight (8) vendors, and a total of five (5) proposals were submitted by the due date of August 27, 2001. The proposals are being evaluated and rated based on the following criteria: costs, functionality, integration, vendor qualifications, system performance, support services, customer references, responsiveness and partnerships.

	<u>Points</u>
<b>Verizon</b>	<b>99</b>
XO Communications	90
Lightyear	38
AT&T	26
Distant Solutions*	--

\*Proposal returned to vendor as it was received after the deadline.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Directors accept the proposal from, and award this contract to, Verizon to provide long distance services to the College for an estimated cost of \$18,500 annually. The contract will be valid for a three (3) year period, commencing October 1, 2001, with an option to renew annually for two (2) additional one (1) year periods, for a total term of five (5) years maximum. The expenditures will be paid from the General Fund.

Director Anderson made a motion to approve Resolutions 02-027 through 02-032; it passed unanimously.