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AUTHORIZE UTILIZATION OF STATE CONTRACT WITH NEXTEL FOR CELLULAR AND 2-WAY RADIO/PAGER EQUIPMENT AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES

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FINANCIAL

RESPONSIBILITY:

Various (actual payments for these services will be made directly

by departments using the services).

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REPORT:

After a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) process, per Resolution #00-062 on December 9, 1999, the Board awarded a contract to NEXTEL to provide equipment and services for cellular and two-way radio/pager communications. PCC currently has many departments using this NEXTEL system. However, this contract has expired and College staff wish to continue contracting with NEXTEL for this vital communication equipment and service.

There is an existing State of Oregon - Department of Administrative Services (DAS) contract that the College would like to utilize, which is a Master Price Agreement for NEXTEL Cellular phone and 2-way radio/pager services. In fact, many of these DAS agreements are now from the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA), as this NEXTEL agreement is. The College annually enters into an intergovernmental agreement with DAS to utilize these price agreements (which are contracts awarded after a formal competitive bid process). These price agreements typically have better pricing than if the College completed separate formal processes for just its own requirements.

As this contract will exceed \$50,000, expenditure authorization is required from the Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Directors authorize PCC to utilize the NEXTEL contract through the State of Oregon DAS. This is an annually renewable contract and the current contract period is from November 1, 2002 through October 31, 2003. Authorization is requested for as long as the NEXTEL contract with DAS remains in effect. Expenditures will be approximately \$70,000.00 annually. Funds for these purchases and services will come from the various participating departments.

Resolutions 03-082 through 03-091 were moved for approval by Director Germond and it passed unanimously.