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AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE AN INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE CONTRACT
FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AVAMAR
DEDUPLICATION BACKUP SOFTWARE AND
SYSTEM

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REPORT: The College has a need to replace the existing and aging Hewlett Packard enterprise backup system. The current system is about 15 years old and is no longer able to accommodate the increased demands of data storage space. Technology Solutions Services (TSS) staff reviewed and evaluated new backup and recovery solutions. After a review of the products available and consulting with a Gartner analyst, TSS narrowed the choices to Avamar and Netbackup solutions. TSS made a recommendation to replace the current system with an Avamar data replication and backup system. The Avamar hardware, software, and training solution supports all file systems currently in use at PCC, is network friendly, will allow for data replication to a disaster recovery site, has high reliability, and a transition would be less disruptive to all users. The estimated cost for this purchase will exceed the \$150,000 threshold, thus requiring the Board of Directors approval.

The Avamar product is available through Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA). The College is a member of WSCA, which is an incorporated not-for-profit multi-state membership organization dedicated to maximizing the value of state and local government technology. Utilizing a WSCA contract is allowed without a competitive process per the College

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Procurement Rules (CCR 214). The WSCA contract for Avamar products is included with EMC Corporation's contract (# B27161) and is valid through year 2014.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Directors authorize the use of an inter-governmental contract for the acquisition of Avamar products and pricing from Righti Systems Inc. (authorized supplier of Avamar products) based on WSCA contract (B27161), valid through 2014. The estimated cost for this project will be \$570,000. Funding will be from Bond Fund.