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12-106   GRANT AUTHORITY FOR SOLE SOURCE
ACQUISITION OF CHECK POINT MAINTENANCE AND
DIAMOND SUPPORT FROM STRUCTURED

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REPORT: The College has a need to acquire technical support in
maintaining Check Point network routing and firewall
service. Check Point routing and firewall service is
essential for running and maintaining the network
infrastructure. Based on the critical importance of the
Check Point service to provide stable online services and
learning environment to our students, staff has
determined that implementing Check Point maintenance
at Diamond Support level will provide access to the
highest level of technical support and a dedicated Check
Point Engineering team. Staff has partnered with the
manufacturer, Check Point, and its local value added
reseller (VAR), Structured Communications, to bundle
the high availability Diamond Support package at a
greatly discounted price. Structured Communications is
the only Check Point Platinum Certified VAR in Portland.
Local presence is important to access on-time support.

Staff recommends Structured Communications for Check
Point maintenance and Diamond Support. Purchase of
Proprietary Software within the meaning of College
Contract Rule (CCR) .212 allows the college to purchase
products without competitive procurement, regardless of
dollar amount. According to Board Policy B505, Board
approval is required as this purchase is over $150,000.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Portland Community College Board grant authority to enter into a Sole Source three-year purchase Agreement with Structured Communications for Check Point maintenance and Diamond Support at a cost not to exceed $405,000.00.