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AUTHORIZE USE OF COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL CHECK POINT
FIREWALL EQUIPMENT

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REPORT: The College Bond Program and Technology Solutions Services (TSS) department, working together, have a need to purchase additional Check Point firewall products to upgrade the remaining network firewalls and to be consistent with currently installed firewalls throughout the College. The staff selected Check Point firewall as the standard firewall for the College based on its ability to provide superior protection across the entire security gateway and to provide robust authentication capabilities to confirm the identity of all users attempting to access the network.

The need for additional larger and more robust firewalls at the network edge and core is driven by current network performance metrics. Utilization levels for our current firewall equipment are extremely high.

The network redesign project provided engineering and a detailed Check Point firewall equipment list that the College needs to purchase in order to provide the necessary security on or systems. This equipment list identified the hardware and cost for each component. This new equipment will provide firewall clusters at each location to enforce network policies and provide highly efficient local routing. Additionally, we install equipment that will address current and future threat protection levels on our network with more robust Check Point

equipment. After careful review and based on the engineering effort noted above, the staff will need an additional \$2,250,000 worth of firewall products to upgrade the remaining outdated network equipment that is nearing the end of its useful life. The purchase cost exceeds the \$150,000 threshold, which requires a formal solicitation process and Board of Directors approval.

The Department seeks approval to contract with ImmixGroup (contract # GS-35F-0511T, valid through June 26, 2017), as the Check Point public sector contract holder, based on an existing contract with the Federal General Services Administration (GSA) Information Technology Schedule 70. GSA Schedule 70 is a cooperative purchasing program, which allows state and local governments to take advantage of volume discounts offered on software, firmware, supplies, support equipment and services. ImmixGroup is the contract holder and does not sell directly; they contract with local resellers. IT Schedule 70 also provides a nationwide network of industry partners, which gives the College an ability to purchase equipment from authorized Oregon resellers located in the Portland area including Six Degrees Consulting (company headquarter in Portland) and Presidio West (Lake Oswego office). We will obtain pricing from both local resellers (Six Degrees and Presidio). We expect to purchase based on the best price.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors authorize staff to use the GSA IT Schedule 70 contract with ImmixGroup through authorized Oregon re-sellers for the purchase of network firewall equipment. The total amount of the contract will be for not-to-exceed \$2,250,000 (approximately \$1.9 million will be funded by the Bond Program via the Bond technology initiative and \$350,000 will be funded by General funds).