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AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE TO EXISTING TECHNOLOGY
CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH RIGHT
SYSTEMS INC (RSI) FOR THE COMPLETION AND
DEPLOYMENT OF NETWORK REDESIGN PROJECT

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REPORT: On December 11, 2014 (BA 15-067), the Board of Directors approved an increase to RSI's contract for the completion and deployment of the Network Redesign Project (NRP). With previous resolutions (BA 14-038 and 15-067), the up to date approved contract total is \$575,000. Due to unexpected system challenges, the completion of the NRP has been extended through March 31, 2016. The additional time is necessary to allow for the deployment team, consultants and Technology Solutions Services (TSS) network staff, to work on cleaning up the naming structures with the legacy network. The team also spent longer than expected in performing firewall architecture design. After completing four of twelve deployments, the deployment team learned that migrations take significantly longer because the legacy network contains even more design flaws than originally discovered. It requires more troubleshooting and complex workarounds to get the legacy network to work with NRP. With these challenges, it is critical to the success of the NRP deployments to have consistent technical consulting services to address new architectural adjustments during each deployment. RSI will need to continue providing technical leadership for the new network architecture and NRP implementation.

After careful review, an additional cost of \$225,000 is needed for full completion of the NRP project. This additional cost exceeds the \$150,000 thresholds and/or exceeds the 25% of the approved total, which requires Board of Directors approval.

The College is using a cooperative contract with Washington State Department of Enterprise Services, reference #T08-MST-733; RSI's contract is valid through June 30, 2017 (amendment #15-07). The competitive process was done by the State of Washington. The College Procurement Rules (CCR 214) allow the use of cooperative contracts without going through an additional competitive process.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors approve additional funding to continue contracting with Right Systems Inc. for an additional \$225,000, with a revised contract total of \$880,000. The College's contract will be valid through March 31, 2016. Funding will be from the 2008 Bond Fund.