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### **INTERAGENCY COOPERATION PLAN**

**Action Requested:** In compliance with Senate File 2088, receive the plan to explore areas of cooperation between the Board of Regents and its institutions and the Department of Administrative Services, and the Chief Information Officer of the State.

**Executive Summary:** Senate File 2088, known as the Reorganization bill, as passed by the 2010 Legislative Session and signed by the Governor, directs the Board of Regents and the institutions under its control to coordinate inter-agency cooperation with state agencies in the area of purchasing and information technology. The goal is to annually increase the amount of joint purchasing by engaging the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), the Chief Information Officer of the State, and other state agencies authorized to purchase goods and services in pursuing mutually beneficial activities relating to purchasing items and acquiring information technology.

The legislation states that the Board of Regents and Regent institutions shall assist the Department of Administrative Services in:

- Identifying best practices that produce cost savings and improve state government processes.
- Exploring joint purchases of general use items that result in mutual procurement of quality goods and services at the lowest reasonable cost.
- Exploring flexibility, administrative relief, and transformational changes through procurement technology.

The Board is to convene at least quarterly an interagency purchasing group and an interagency information technology group. The Board shall, before July 1 of each year, prepare a plan that identifies specific areas of cooperation between the Regent institutions and the Department of Administrative Services for the next fiscal year.

On or before November 1, the Board of Regents shall submit a report to the General Assembly and the Governor providing information on the cooperative purchasing plan, the results of quarterly inter-agency meetings and any specific cost savings or efficiency gains that resulted.

### **Proposed Plan**

An interagency purchasing meeting was held April 13, 2010, followed by an interagency information technology meeting on May 18, 2010. The Regent institutions are proposing the following set of guiding principles:

- Collaboration efforts must maintain or improve the quality and effectiveness of each participant.
- Collaborations should not introduce complexities or risks to infrastructure, business processes, or end-user experiences.
- No participant should pay more for a service or product than they could otherwise obtain on their own.
- Collaborations should occur where they make sense. Given the differing missions of the participants, some projects may not involve all institutions or state agencies.

Cooperative Purchasing will encompass exploration of joint contracting for:

JOINT CONTRACT	TIMELINE
Maintenance Service Agreements	To be determined-DAS is lead
Cellular Technology	3-6 months
MRO Contracts*	2-4 months
Fleet Purchases	3-4 months
Fuel Purchases	3-4 months
Fleet Card Services	4-6 months
Oracle software	3-6 months

\*- MRO = Maintenance, Repairs and Operations

The participants will determine a mutually agreeable calculation of savings.

Information Technology will explore the following cooperative efforts:

- Mainframe Consolidation – Some large applications still run best on a mainframe, however as technology moves towards servers and virtualized servers, consolidation of mainframes may save on operating costs. The three Regent universities and DAS will analyze the benefits of mainframe resources. Timeline – 3-6 months.
- Disaster Recovery – This is the process, policies and procedures related to preparing for recovery or continuation of technology infrastructure critical to an organization after a natural or human-induced disaster. Each Regent university and DAS has a robust recovery plan. This effort will look for areas where improvements can be made and shared resources for effective backup and recovery strategies are feasible. Timeline – 3-6 months.
- Cloud Computing – This is a general term for anything that involves delivering hosted services over the Internet. This topic would be developed more along the lines of shared education on issues such as contract language, legal and privacy issues, protection of intellectual property. Timeline – 9-12 months.
- Cyber Security – A joint Regents/DAS group meets regularly to discuss security standards to minimize the number of successful cyber attacks. This collaboration would review standards, discuss lessons learned and explore the possibility of sharing technologies. Timeline – 6-9 months.