BACKGROUND:

One of the recommendations from our recent accreditation visit advised the College to establish and communicate a sustainable technology plan for the acquisition, maintenance and replacement of its infrastructure, equipment, support and training to meet institutional needs. The accreditation team further recommended regular evaluation of the plan for its effectiveness in prioritizing and funding current and projected long-term technology needs.

The College Technology Committee, using internal resources, developed a revised Technology Plan for 2010 – 2016 that identified several initiatives and college priorities for the next six years. With the rapid changes in technology, the need to utilize technology to enhance student learning and staff productivity, and the findings of the accreditation visit, it imperative that the College prepare a strategic Technology Plan to help guide future technology projects and goals.

College staff and the Technology Committee are of the opinion that the plan should be developed in conjunction with an outside consultant firm that has expertise in developing such plans for community colleges.

Staff would like to send out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for services to develop an Information Technology Strategic Plan for 2012-2017 for the acquisition, maintenance and replacement of the college’s technology infrastructure, equipment, support and training to meet institutions needs.
RECOMMENDATION:

The Superintendent/President recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize staff to request proposals for an outside consultant, in conjunction with the College Technology Committee, to assist the college in developing a strategic information technology plan and negotiate a contract with the selected consultant.

Administrator Initiating Item

Albert J. Harrison II, Vice President, College Operations