APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF SERVERS AND COMPUTERS FOR REGION 8

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2005-68

WHEREAS, Region 8 requests approval to purchase various computers and servers for use in classrooms and labs,

WHEREAS, these purchases correspond with the region’s four year replacement cycle, and

WHEREAS, these purchases will also allow for the transition to a common statewide network system, and

WHEREAS, the best pricing was obtained from Dell and qualifies under state QPA pricing and does not require bids and/or quotes, and

WHEREAS, the purchase of this equipment will be funded by Region 8’s operations fund, and

WHEREAS, the Region 8 Board of Trustees approved this purchase;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Trustees do hereby approve the purchase of the servers and computers indicated above for an amount not to exceed $243,889.

State Trustees
Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana

[Signatures]

William R. Goins, Chairman

Jerry D. Speidel, Secretary

Dated October 13, 2005
APPROVAL FOR PURCHASES OF SERVERS AND COMPUTERS FOR CLASSROOMS, LABS AND OFFICES FOR REGION 8

Region 8 is requesting approval of a purchase made for several servers to migrate from Novell to Microsoft active directory. This allowed the transition of classrooms, labs, and offices to a common statewide platform. This transition also saved $40,000 in licensing costs and allowed for a more consistent method of providing technology on a statewide basis.

At the same time, the region had various classrooms, offices and labs that required replacement of older model computers. The region attempts to maintain a four year replacement cycle for computers and servers to provide students, faculty, and staff with the latest technology. This purchase provided for more than 200 new computers.

By combining the servers and computers into one order, Region 8 was able to negotiate pricing with Dell and received even lower pricing than the State Quantity Purchase Agreement or Midwestern Higher Education Pricing. The total of these various transactions totaled over two-hundred thousand dollars, which required State Trustee approval. The Regional Board of Trustees approved this purchase at their October 10, 2005 meeting. The regional operations fund provided the funding for the purchase.