

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

March 19, 2013

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Subject: Approval of Agreement with OCLC Worldshare Management Services for Library Services for Chabot and Las Positas Colleges

Background: Both Chabot and Las Positas Colleges have been using the SirsiDynix System that is an enterprise system for their library services since April 2002 and both colleges pay annual maintenance for usage of this system. Over the years, the SirsiDynix vendor has not developed their software as aggressively as other vendors to accommodate the changing technology environment such as incorporating digital e-books and other advanced features for students and librarians. Many of the California Community Colleges find themselves in the same situation as Chabot and Las Positas Colleges whereby their current needs to service our students require a better and more comprehensive solution for library automation and management than the traditional SirsiDynix System has provided to-date.

OCLC Worldshare Management Services is a non-profit group that has focused on higher education and offers a comprehensive and a “state of the art” 21st century solution for centralized and shared library services across all the colleges, with emphasis on the interface for student’s ease of use and incorporating the use of social media for sharing content. The OCLC Worldshare solution is a hosted service at the vendor site that is provided to the colleges through a Web-based interface with modules that streamline acquisitions, cataloging, subscription and license management, and circulation. Some new additional features that are provided include mobile interface for smart phones and tablets as well as a single searching across multiple database platforms. It should be noted that both Chabot and Las Positas colleges already subscribe to services from OCLC for an additional cost, which includes copy cataloging and import of records into the current catalog, and thus subscription to the expanded OCLC Worldshare Management Services would provide the colleges with a version of their universal catalog which would be more integrated with no additional cost.

The OCLC Worldshare vendor is working closely with the California State Chancellor’s Office to increase their members and as membership increases then the price breaks are given to both the current members for their annual subscription fees as well as new members. The early adopters are receiving substantial price breaks on the one-time implementation services for the migration to OCLC. Chabot and Las Positas Colleges have contacted several of those community colleges such as Santa Barbara City College, Pasadena City College, and College of Siskiyou who are fully operational on the new system and they provided outstanding reviews on the new product as well as other institutions like Pepperdine who provided similar feedback. Other California Community Colleges who have either gone live or will be live by this summer on OCLC Worldshare include DeAnza, Mt. San Antonio, Long Beach, Mt. San Jacinto, Glendale, Lake Tahoe, San Bernardino, Butte, Santa Ana, and College of Sequoias.

Additional community colleges are currently reviewing the OCLC product for future implementation, such as Riverside, Los Angeles, Evergreen, Mira Costa, College of the Canyons, Sierra, and Santa Rosa. Overall, Worldshare has more ease of use and flexibility from the back end for library technicians and librarians as well as more and improved functionality within the public end for community college students. The colleges would also be getting additional services such as a federated search engine which provide the ability to search the content in each college's suite of library databases and allows students a "one stop" place to search vast information resources.

Both Chabot and Las Positas Library faculty and staff along with their Deans have evaluated the OCLC Worldshare functionality and features as well as the cost structure in comparison to their current vendor product SirsiDynix and they have rated the OCLC product as superior in all the categories. The annual subscription fee is slightly higher for the OCLC Worldshare solution; however, the OCLC product provides more functionality for nearly the same cost. In addition, the pricing for the SirsiDynix System has been confirmed with the current vendor and their costs will be increasing in the future years, thus making the annual subscription fee comparable. The one-time base migration costs for the OCLC Worldshare System is \$40,000, but the vendor has provided a significant discount of \$20,000, provided the implementation is performed during off-peak times (peak time is the summer). The initial year costs totals \$59,524 which includes the \$20,000 implementation service and the \$39,524 annual subscription fee, which will be prorated based on the "Go Live" date and the remaining months in the fiscal year ending June 30. The term of the agreement is for the initial cutover year plus 3 additional years of annual subscription fees, with an estimated 10% discount per year based on the current number of California College contracts signed, which is the maximum fee expected at this time. As more California Community Colleges enroll, there is the potential for a greater reduction of 15% or 20% annual discount in the subsequent years that will be applied to the annual subscription service at the time of renewal.

Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approves the proposed agreement with OCLC Worldshare for a 4-year term for a total of \$184,121. For the initial year, the cost includes \$59,524 for migration and subscription for the start-up year. For the subsequent 3-year annual fees, the costs is \$39,524 and \$41,499 and \$43,574 respectively for year 1, year 2, and year 3, which is a "not to exceed" amount and may be lower dependent on the number of colleges participating. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor, Business Services, to execute the agreement on behalf of the District.

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