

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
**Board of Trustees Agenda Report**  
**For the Trustee Meeting Date of June 10, 2008**

ITEM # 26

ITEM TITLE: *(Please define the subject; e.g., change order – Berkeley City College)*

**Approval to Purchase Hardware to Upgrade the Existing IT Servers and Storage**

**SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Approval of Measure A funds to upgrade IT's existing computers and software.

**ITEM SUMMARY: (PLEASE DISCUSS THIS ITEM)**

This request is to purchase the additional equipment to support our existing equipment and replace the older units.

The cost of the servers, storage and related equipment and operating software is not to exceed \$120,000. These funds are requested from Measure A.

This item was a part of the 2008 IT Expenditure Plan that was presented in December, 2007.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

With the additional support requirements put on by the addition of PeopleSoft and its many components and the additional demands by other service areas, IT has started to see the older equipment not able to support these new demands. We have implemented the new system and it runs in our production mode. However, new changes and requirements must be tested before we transfer the upgraded software to production these are called sandboxes. To date we have used the older servers to serve as these sandboxes but now we have larger storage needs and more complex testing that needs to be done. Therefore, newer servers are needed. Also, there are upgrades to the Finance and Human Resource Modules planned and the unknown is the impact of the Business Intelligence on the system requirements. It is our intention to use this additional equipment to keep our operation current with the demands of the Colleges and Service Centers.

**ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:**

There really are no alternatives. Currently, we are stretching our computers and any additional growth could be a serious operational issue. The response to the new software demands were more than originally planned and now we must grow to meet this demand.

**EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approval is recommended

**SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):**

Measure A

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THIS ACTION (E.G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY):**

YES     X                          NO                     

**COMMENTS:**

**CONTRIBUTION TO PERALTA MISSION AND/OR BOARD GOALS:**

IT has been asked to improve the operation and ability to serve its users. This equipment is needed to maintain the service level and growth of Peralta's computing requirements. Service Center that are working toward the needs of the District were a goal of the Strategic Plan.

**WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING?**

Gary E. Perkins, Chief Information Officer

**DID A BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE ITEM?** YES                                           NO     X    

**IF "YES", PLEASE INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION IN YOUR SUMMARY.**

**PLEASE ACQUIRE SIGNATURES IN THIS ORDER:**

**DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:**

Prepared by: Jay Perkins Date: 6/2/08  
[Enter Your Name and Title of Individual]

**DOCUMENT PRESENTED BY:**

Prepared by: Jay Perkins Date: 6/2/08  
[Enter Name of College President or Vice-Chancellor or Manager, and Title of Individual]

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW**

Finance review required  Finance review not required

If Finance review is required, determination is:  Approved  Not Approved

If not approved, please give reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Thomas Smith Date: 6.3.08  
Thomas Smith, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

**GENERAL COUNSEL (Legality and Format/adherence to Education Codes):**

Legal review required  Legal review not required

If Legal review is required, determination is:  Approved  Not Approved

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thuy T. Nguyen, General Counsel

**CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL**

Approved, and Place on Agenda  Not Approved, but Place on Agenda

Signature: Elihu Harris Date: 6/3/08  
Elihu Harris, Chancellor