

## OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees  
FROM: Douglas Treadway  
DATE: August 8, 2007  
SUBJECT: Approval and Ratification of Contract 2730801 for Datatel R18 Project Management and Project Coordination Services with Datatel, Inc.

**Background:** Ohlone College purchased and installed the Colleague student information system from Datatel, Inc. in early 1998. The Colleague system is a fully integrated Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software suite that is specifically designed for the Higher Education Market. The District utilizes Colleague's Student System, Financial Aid, Human Resources, Payroll, and Accounting modules. The Colleague system also provides for Web-based access through WebAdvisor for Students and Staff to register for classes, view grades, view class rosters, and other information.

Datatel has released a new version of Colleague, Release 18. This new version represents an application architectural redesign. Via the redesigned architecture, Datatel is introducing database independence into the Colleague configuration. Under this new version of the application, Datatel will now support Microsoft SQL and Oracle database technologies in addition to its current Unidata database platform. Datatel's ability to support multiple database technologies represents a strategic breakthrough that will increase the flexibility and supportability of our ERP application.

In order to continue to receive application support from Datatel the College is required to upgrade to the new R18 version. Given the scope and complexity of this effort along with the operational workload of the IT department's programming staff, the IT staff recommends that professional project management services be obtained to complete this upgrade.

The IT staff solicited project management services proposals from four vendors: Datatel, Inc., SunGuard, Inc., CampusWorks, Inc., and Rose & Tuck, LLC. Proposals were received from all but SunGuard, Inc. After extensive evaluations of the submittals and interviews with the respondents, the IT staff determined that Datatel, Inc. had the most responsive proposal.

Datatel is proposing to provide R18 Project Management and Project Coordination services. Under the terms of the proposal, Datatel will provide an on-site project manager for the duration of the project from August 13, 2007 thru December 13, 2007. Additionally, Datatel will provide programming and analysis services defined within the scope of the project. Datatel's proposed costs for these services are \$162,400.00.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The President/Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees Approve and Ratify Contract 2730801 for Datatel R18 Project Management and Project Coordination Services with Datatel, Inc. for \$162,400.00. This project is funded under Measure A Bond Project 3-32.