

# CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**Governing Board Agenda**

**Meeting Date:** July 24, 2007

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Item Title</u>	<u>Responsible Agents</u>
	Contract for Blackboard Teaching and Learning System	Darrel Huish, CIO

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Governing Board approve a revised three year contract with Blackboard for their Teaching and Learning software. There are two modules to be licensed: the Blackboard Learning System and the Blackboard Content System.

**Justification**

Blackboard software has been in use at 7 of the 10 colleges for several years. Blackboard is used successfully by more than 57,000 of Maricopa's students each year, and this number is growing because of increased online course utilization by faculty.

With Blackboard's merger with WebCT, Phoenix College has been moving to convert from WebCT to Blackboard as its preferred online teaching environment. Since the original contract with Maricopa did not include a provision for use by Phoenix College, it is the appropriate time to revise and extend the contract.

Payments for the current fiscal year will remain at previous levels. The next two years of the contract will reflect an approximate 45% discount. Payments will be \$172,000 for fiscal year 2007/2008, \$395,000 for fiscal year 2008/2009, and \$434,000 for fiscal year 2009/2010.

<b>Funding</b>	<b>Approvals/Certifications</b>
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