

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM FORM

**MEETING DATE:** November 20, 2007  
**AGENDA ITEM:** Cooperative and Sole Source Purchases  
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Each recommended purchase meets the criteria set forth in the Texas Educational Code Section 44.031 and School Board Policy.

### Cooperative and Sole Source Purchases

**Budget/Financial Implication:** 2004 Bond Funds and Operating Budgets

**Comments:**

Listed below are items to be purchased, purchasing method, and estimated expenditure for the 2007-2008 school year. The selected purchasing methods are a cooperative purchase through the Texas Building and Procurement-Department of Information Resources and a Sole Source Vendor.

- 1) Technology Operations is recommending the purchase of a storage area network (SAN) to begin building the business continuity solution. This network will replicate critical disk drives between two separate locations in case of a disaster and will minimize the time needed to bring up key operational servers. This system is necessary before the document management solution can begin. The funding will be from the 2004 Bond. The vendor for this purchase is Dell Marketing, L. P., an awarded vendor with the Department of Information Resources State Cooperative.
- 2) Staff is requesting the purchase of the annual and technical support for Pinnacle Gradebook. Excelsior Software, Inc. is the Sole Source provider.

Item#	Vendor	Purchasing Method	Estimated Amount
1	Dell	Department of Information Resources	\$ 317,733.21
2	Excelsior Software, Inc.	Sole Source	\$ 71,856.00

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration recommends that the purchases from each of the listed vendors be approved.