

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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TOPIC: Front Range Community College (FRCC) Spending Authority Request for IT Refresh Plan

PRESENTED BY:

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RELATIONSHIP TO THE “TRANSFORMING FUTURES” STRATEGIC PLAN:

- Empowered Talent

EXPLANATION:

Front Range Community College is seeking spending authority approval up to an overall cost of \$1,800,000 for the purchase of approximately 1,763 laptops, desktops and related equipment at the Westminster, Boulder, and Larimer campuses. During the early days of the pandemic, FRCC made the decision to move a significant number of employees from desktop computers to laptops due to remote demands faced during that time. Although employees have made their way back into the office, FRCC has seen the great benefits and flexibility laptops have given our employees, while still allowing them to effectively fulfill their job duties. Laptops are being refreshed on a 4-year basis, and this request is in response to the first round of laptops purchased back in 2021. FRCC is planning to implement the refresh between the three campuses over the next 6 months per the schedule below. These purchases would be through DHE Computer Systems, which is a Lenovo authorized reseller through the Colorado State price agreement #186231.

Campus	Anticipated Timeframe	# of devices	Price
Westminster	April-May 2025	560	\$775,000
Boulder	June-July 2025	367	\$325,000
Larimer	August-September 2025	836	\$700,000
	Total	1,763	\$1,800,000

FRCC is continuing to evaluate the cost benefits of purchasing and maintaining the laptops and desktops internally versus outsourcing these costs via a leasing agreement but at this time have not identified a solution that works for FRCC. As such, FRCC is needing to move forward with its current model in order to provide our employees with the working tools they need to perform to the best of their abilities.

RECOMMENDATION:

Example 1: FRCC recommends the Board approve IT Refresh spending plan described above, with a do-not-exceed amount of \$1,800,000.