

**CARL SANDBURG COLLEGE**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Regular Meeting – January 25, 2007**

**Item**            8            Project SafeGuard

**Institutional Focal Points/Goals**

I-A, II-B, III-A, IV-B

**Background**

At its regular meeting held December 2006, the Administration requested the CSC Board of Trustees to consider enabling the College to serve in three roles as it related to Project SafeGuard:

**Role #1 – Serve as Fiscal Agent and Operational Liaison for Project SafeGuard**

In this role, the College will facilitate cash disbursements, promotion of software, combined training, and implementation coordination, user group coordination and help school districts with their operational needs relative to the use of their administrative software.

In this capacity, the College will simply provide in kind services with no financial subsidies.

**Role #2 – Cash Flowing and Funding the upgrade of the College's Data Center**

Given recommendations from the IT Security Assessment Report, the College needs to invest an estimated \$40,000 to upgrade the environmental conditions of our data center (i.e., HVAC, Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) and Generator).

In addition, an estimated (not to exceed \$100,000) may be needed to cash flow the acquisition of additional servers, software, and backup infrastructure on behalf of our K-12 partners participating in Project SafeGuard. (Depending upon the number of Project SafeGuard participants.) This would be done in accordance with Chapter 110, Section 805/3-33.6 of the Illinois Public Community College Act.

### **Role #3 – Managing/Operating Project SafeGuard Data Center**

The following services will be provided to school districts that participate in the Project SafeGuard consortium:

- Software Purchase at a Consortial Discount,
- Hosting and Disaster Recovery Services,
- First Level Help Desk Support,
- User Group Coordination.

Costs incurred directly to manage, maintain, and operate Project SafeGuard Data Center will be spread across and shared by the consortium participants.

Final negotiations have now been completed with Skyward with the consent of schools who are interested in participating in Project SafeGuard. Two school districts have signed Intergovernmental Agreements to participate in Project SafeGuard.

The Administration is now ready to acquire of additional servers, software and backup infrastructure on behalf of our K-12 partners participating in Project SafeGuard

#### **Recommended Action**

The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a Resolution to authorize the use of the College's Working Cash Fund to accommodate a five year internal loan program in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the purpose of cash flowing the disaster recovery enhancements to our data center on behalf of our Project SafeGuard members, depending upon the number of Project SafeGuard participants.