

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON CONTRACT AWARD ON
INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS AND ACCESSORIES

FEBRUARY 25, 2008

Background Information:

On behalf of the Office of Technology, the Purchasing Department is requesting approval to award a contract for Phase I of the purchase of interactive whiteboards. The initial phase of this contract is the award of a contract to Dell, Inc., One Dell Way, RR8 Box 8716, Round Rock, TX in the amount of \$492,881 for the purchase of Promethean interactive whiteboards and accessory items.

Discussion:

An integral component of the Board of Education's Strategic Plan and Office of Technology's Tech Plan, is to deploy student centered technology tools in classrooms such as interactive whiteboards. The whiteboards, used in conjunction with LCD video projectors, create an interactive classroom environment targeted to increase student engagement. To this end, the Office of Technology is requesting the purchase of approximately 150 interactive whiteboards to deploy in the classrooms of 14 schools. The initial quantity, which may vary by 10%, and any additional purchases will be based on the actual technology assessment and available funding. The purchasing vehicle for this contract is MEEC #USM-2007-12. Delivery of interactive whiteboards will be made to individual school locations.

Funds for this project will be from the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 capital budget, account # 350 9053 03 01 55490.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve the award of this contract to Dell, Inc., in the amount of \$492,881 for the purchase of Promethean interactive whiteboards and accessories.