

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACTION ITEM: University of Arizona Oracle Site License

ISSUE: The University of Arizona seeks the Board's approval to renew its Oracle Site License at a one-year cost of \$1.5 million.

BACKGROUND:

This item concerns the annual maintenance and technical support fee for the University's site license to Oracle database, tools, and selected applications.

DISCUSSION:

The University of Arizona initially acquired a site license for a suite of Oracle products, paying licensure costs during the period 1999 - 2003. The Oracle annual maintenance renewal fee has been reviewed by ABOR each Spring since 2004.

APPROVALS:

This project was reviewed by UA's Information Technology Policy Group on April 9, 2007, and recommended for approval by the President.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the University of Arizona's request to renew its Oracle Site License.

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Project:

Oracle Site License Annual Maintenance

Project Overview:

The initial Oracle site license at the University of Arizona began in May 1999 and committed us to an investment of \$10.9 million in acquisition and support costs spread over a five-year period. Since the end of the initial term, the University has been obliged to pay an annual maintenance fee to maintain a current level of support for all licensed products. The licensing agreement includes a broad suite of database tools and administrative and development applications that are available to faculty, staff, and students on a variety of operating systems.

Deliverables:

A significant number of units on campus are using Oracle products for production applications. Examples of such usage include Parking and Transportation, Employee Link, UIS, and the Integrated Information Warehouse. The continued support of these critical systems through access to current software releases and vendor technical support is necessary to maintain operational stability.

Service and Economic Benefits:

Maintenance of the site license will allow information technology staff throughout the University to appropriately maintain existing systems and to explore future possibilities through the use of Oracle software offerings.

Proposed Cost

Oracle Support Renewal - \$1,459,421

Note: We are currently investigating the possible migration of our site license to a different basis. Should this migration be concluded, the cost of support renewal will be less than that on our current contract.

Funding Sources

Administrative System Replacement Funds.

Approval History

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