



# iNtegrate Project Bulletin

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to coordinate the Nevada System of Higher Education information systems into a functioning, unified whole

## The Board of Regents Decides

On April 3, 2008 a number of major decisions for the iNtegrate project were made during a Board of Regents meeting. The Board was given summary information on negotiations for licenses and implantation services, as well as an introduction to the products by the vendors themselves along with an analysis of customizations that will be necessary to fit solutions to NSHE needs. The Board ended the day by approving three things:

1. NSHE will contract with Oracle for their “Campus Solutions” student services module.
2. NSHE will contract with CedarCrestone to implement the software.
3. SCS will issue a call-for-bids for the appropriate hardware

UNLV and TMCC will serve as pilot campuses in the C+ model, representing NSHE four-year institutions and community colleges respectively. All NSHE campuses will participate in business decisions as Oracle meets with diverse functional teams. SCS will serve as the data center for the implementations, providing physical facilities, system redundancy, business continuity, and technical database support for all NSHE campuses. SCS will also provide application support for GBC, NSC, TMCC, and WNC.

## iNtegrate Contract Negotiations

Since fall, the iNtegrate Negotiations Team, comprised of various campus functional and technical staff, as well as legal counsel and outside consultants, has been meeting frequently with the bidding agencies: SunGard Higher Education, Oracle, Ciber, and CedarCrestone. Their purpose has been threefold: 1) software acquisition 2) implementation services and 3) statement of work plans.

Their goal has been to obtain from the vendors the best overall package in price and functionality to meet the needs of all seven degree-granting institutions of the NSHE. At the January 29, 2008 Technology Task Force meeting, the “C+ implementation model” (a slightly modified version of the original “C implementation model” on the table) was adopted. The C+ model set iNtegrate to start with two pilot campuses, thus reducing the overall cost of the project and streamlining the staff needed for its execution.

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### Special January Board of Regents Meeting

The Nevada 2007 legislature granted \$10 million to be used for the iNtegrate project (SB 192). After Governor Jim Gibbons called to reduce state budgets by 4.5%, the Regents decided to return to the Legislature the \$10 million during a special Board meeting held January 8, 2008. The project, however, was to proceed as planned with the expectation that system officials will return to the 2009 Legislature to request a return of the \$10 million.

### RFP 7709

In December of 2007, Associate Vice Chancellor Kenneth McCollum brought together a committee, composed of representatives from NSHE institutions, personnel from Business Center North Purchasing, and select SCS staff, to define the infrastructure necessary to support the iNtegrate Student Services Module (SSM).

The committee, which came to be known as the iNtegrate Infrastructure Working Group, was first tasked with determining the best way to identify the appropriate infrastructure. They selected a request for proposal (RFP) process—a bake-off if you will—to find and select the preferred architectures and most cost effective solutions available from system manufacturers.

Teams of group members then defined the technical requirements for the iNtegrate infrastructure, including servers, disk storage, software, support and maintenance, and implementation services. From these specifications, the scope of work for the RFP was developed.

With the selection of Oracle Campus Solutions as the new SSM, the RFP for the server architecture was prepared accordingly and released on April 21.

Once the RFP is closed and responses are received, the iNtegrate Infrastructure Working Group will assess those responses and make recommendations for the infrastructure solution for iNtegrate. The group expects the architecture and the vendors to be solidified in July.