**COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION**

Friday, May 9, 2009

**NEW BUSINESS ITEM: Continuation of *Transfer Indiana (TransferIN)* Contract and Licensing Agreement**

**Staff Recommendation** That the Commission for Higher Education authorize staff to (1) sign a one-year contract with Ball State University to continue operating the *Transfer Indiana* Central Office (TICO) during FY2010 and (2) extend the existing agreement with CollegeSource, Inc. for licensing the *u.select* software during FY2010.

**Background** The Commission for Higher Education received full funding from the General Assembly during the 2007-09 Biennium for its *Transfer Indiana* (*TransferIN*) initiative. Included in this appropriation is support for the Transfer Indiana Central Office, which is operated by Ball State University, and for continuation of the *u.select* software license, which is owned by CollegeSource, Inc. Funds remaining from the FY2009 appropriation will be used to pay for these purchases. In both cases, the expenditures would extend existing services.

Commission *By-Laws* specify that all purchases exceeding $50,000 must be brought to the Commission for approval. The TICO contract with Ball State for FY2010 would amount to $336,357 and the continuation of the CollegeSource license for the *u.select* software would amount to $60,000 for FY2010.

TICO provides critical technical support to *TransferIN* in a number of areas, such as: assisting institutions with implementing course equivalency guides and degree audits; helping to develop interfaces between institutional student information systems and the transfer hub *u.select* software. TICO also assists in developing material to be placed on the *TransferIN* web site, assembling information on institutional transfer policies, and marketing *TransferIN*. The *u.select* transfer hub software was originally developed by Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and was recently sold to CollegeSource, Inc. The software allows students to seamlessly navigate among institutions to explore transfer opportunities and is widely used in six other states (Arizona, Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, Ohio, and Oregon).

**Supporting Document** *Summary of FY2010 Budgets for TICO and* *u.select*, May 8, 2009