September 2, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Board of Trustees

FROM: William D. Law, Jr., President

RE: Florida Distance Learning Consortium (FDLC)

The Florida Distance Learning Consortium (FDLC) (68519105) desires to contract with MapleSoft to purchase a one year license fee for participating institutions using Maple 10, a productivity tool, during the 2005-2006 academic year. The contract is in the amount of $150,000.

Maplesoft produces Maple Mathematics Software that is used by math, science and engineering faculty for teaching mathematical concepts to students. The agreement provides aggregated and leveraged pricing for all of Florida’s schools, colleges and universities under the Consortium banner.

The Consortium’s Partnership and Licensing Committee along with the Executive Director reviewed and negotiated the terms and pricing based upon volume and input from the colleges and universities participating. The choice to use or purchase Maple software is made by each participating institution. The Consortium is aggregating existing and new volume to secure better pricing and licensing terms.

The TCC purchasing department has reviewed the selection of this company and products and has determined that these purchases would be exempt from the competitive bid process per Rule 6A-14.0734 (2)(h); a single source procurement for purposes of economy or efficiency in standardization of materials and equipment.

Staff Resource: Glendon Forgey

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the contract as requested.