

September 25, 2002

Mr. David Litchliter
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Via Fax: 601-354-6016

Dear Mr. Litchliter:

Thank you for your letter of September 24 regarding the continuation of contracts for the Phase I of Governor Musgrove's Technology Initiative (RFP 3162). I want to express my gratitude for your shared commitment to ensure that each contractor continues upgrade its specifications as new technologies reach the marketplace.

As the commitments with Bull, Compaq and Howard have been fulfilled, the Governor's Office is inclined to let the contracts expire if the pricing and specifications under this RFP are no longer competitive when compared to the Microcomputer Express Products List (EPL). Further if the pricing and specifications provided by BCI and Dell are not competitive with the EPL, our office cannot justify continuing these contracts.

Should Bull, Compaq, Howard, BCI, or Dell's pricing and specifications remain competitive and provide savings for schools not provided under the EPL, the Governor's office will recommend extending these contracts to December 31, 2002. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (601) 359-2971.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Boyd
Policy and Planning Director