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DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL SERVICES
CONTINUES TO ACHIEVE COST SAVINGS FOR STATE THROUGH \$PEND\$SMART
OKLAHOMA PROGRAM

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Department of Central Services (DCS) recently awarded the PC Standardization Contract, effective December 15, 2009, to Dell. The contract for desktops and laptops represents another significant achievement of the new \$pend\$smart Oklahoma program, a DCS Central Purchasing initiative designed to leverage economies of scale, add convenience, standardize common items, and achieve savings and efficiencies in state government procurement.

"DCS is committed to helping our State get back on solid ground in any way we can." said John Richard, DCS Director, "We are the State's lead purchasing agency and our mission is to provide state agencies with cost-saving contracts that provide quality products and services in order to serve the best interest of the state and our citizens."

The Department of Central Services, Central Purchasing Division utilized the support and input of a Commodity Council to assist with the solicitation and evaluation processes for the PC Standardization contract. The Council consisted of representatives of six state agencies and one representative from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

"We estimate the PC contract to provide approximately 24% savings over the \$6,000,000 historically spent on PC desktops and laptops by state agencies, " said Scott Schlotthauer, State Purchasing Director. "Historic usage and market analysis are key elements of the \$pend\$smart Oklahoma Program," Schlotthauer said, " but working with the state agency Commodity Councils to ensure state contracts meet their quality and cost requirements is a Program component that is just as valuable."

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