



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**September 19, 2003**

**Motion 11795**

**Proposed No.** 2003-0409.2

**Sponsors** Phillips and Hague

1           A MOTION requesting the executive to research and report  
2           to the council on benefits of participation in a cooperative  
3           software purchasing alliance with other cities and counties.  
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6           WHEREAS, the King County 2003 Budget Ordinance contained \$43.81 million  
7           to fund capital technology projects, and

8           WHEREAS, King County has expended \$64.58 million in life-to-date funding on  
9           capital technology projects through December 31, 2002, and

10          WHEREAS, King County has approved funding \$1.83 million to upgrade the  
11          PeopleSoft payroll software from version seven software to version eight software, and

12          WHEREAS, King County has approved funding \$3.97 million to upgrade the  
13          Oracle Financials Application software from version R10.7C to R11i, and

14          WHEREAS, the Oracle Financials software upgrade required purchase of new  
15          computer hardware that would support the new software upgrade, and

16          WHEREAS, PeopleSoft and Oracle Financials software require constant upgrades  
17          as older software version are no longer supported by software vendors, and

18 WHEREAS, King County is currently conducting a business case that is  
19 considering deployment of PeopleSoft and Oracle Financials software countywide, and

20 WHEREAS, the software industry in general offers upgrades to its software, and

21 WHEREAS, the software industry in general no longer supports older versions of  
22 its software, and

23 WHEREAS, software upgrades in general require purchase of new computer  
24 hardware to support new software upgrades, and

25 WHEREAS, many cities and counties also rely on off-the-shelf software for  
26 public administration, and

27 WHEREAS, King County and other localities may benefit from cooperatively  
28 negotiating the purchase of computer software that may result in volume discounts and  
29 may result in lengthening the time that older versions of software are supported by the  
30 vendor;

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

32 The executive is requested to research the cost-savings opportunities that may be  
33 available through participation in a cooperative software purchasing alliance with other  
34 cities, counties and states. The report shall include an analysis of cost-savings  
35 opportunities from negotiating both discounts on software purchase costs as well as from  
36 extending vendor support to maintain older versions of software. The executive is also  
37 requested to report back to the budget and fiscal management committee by March 1,

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38 2004, with a report on whether the county may benefit from joining or creating a  
39 cooperative software purchasing alliance.

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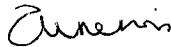
Motion 11795 was introduced on 9/2/2003 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/18/2003, by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett and Mr. Irons  
No: 0  
Excused: 2 - Ms. Hague and Ms. Patterson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:



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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments**      None