

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Contract for Intelligent Learning Platform
FY 2026-27**

Request: The State Board of Community Colleges is requested to approve a contract for the Intelligent Learning Platform (ILP) with Ellucian in an amount not to exceed \$1,174,801 for the System Office and fifty-eight community colleges for System-wide student and faculty online helpdesk for the period July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Strategic Plan Reference:

Goal 5: System Funding and Effectiveness Objectives and Strategies

Objective 5.4: Provide the North Carolina Community College System with data and technology systems that provide best-in-class support for core business functions.

Strategy 5.4.2: Develop a data management and integration plan for the NC Community College System to enhance research and reporting capacity.

Background: Ellucian's Intelligent Learning Platform (ILP) is used to integrate Canvas—or any learning management system—with an ERP like Colleague because it provides a secure, automated data exchange. ILP manages the creation, update, and removal of user accounts by synchronizing student, faculty, and course data from Colleague (or Banner) to the LMS in real time. This ensures that users have timely access to the right courses with the correct roles, while also automating deactivations when enrollments change or users leave the institution. By eliminating manual account management, ILP significantly reduces administrative workload, minimizes errors, and improves data consistency across systems.

ILP is also used for academic processes such as grade writeback from Canvas (or any LMS) to Colleague. ILP enables grades to flow securely from the LMS back into the student information system, preserving data integrity, and supporting compliance with institutional policies and accreditation requirements.

Having a single integration platform across all LMSs that connects with Colleague (or Banner) minimizes technical support and provides a common, secure state-wide solution.

Rationale: This contract is a system-wide contract negotiated by NCCCS office personnel to connect academic systems, streamline operations, and enhance the student and faculty experience.

Method of Procurement: In accordance with the procurement practice of the State of North Carolina, approval is being sought by outside purchasing authorities. Approval of the contract by the State Board is contingent upon approval by the State Department of Information Technology Contracts and Strategic Sourcing.

Contract Amount and Time Period: The contract period will be from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, for an amount not to exceed \$1,174,801.

Fund Source and Availability: Funding is contingent on FY 2026-27 State General Fund appropriation.

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