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Introduction

The UNC Board of Governors report on "State Surplus Computer for Nonprofits" is required annually and encourages the UNC System constituent institutions to convey surplus computer equipment to nonprofit organizations that refurbish and distribute to low-income families or students in the State of North Carolina. The specific legislation as stated:

STATE SURPLUS COMPUTERS FOR NONPROFITS SECTION 38.11.(a) G.S. 143-64.03 reads as rewritten:

"**§ 143-64.03. Powers and duties of the State agency for surplus property.**

(b1) Nothing in this Article, or any administrative rules promulgated under this Article, shall be deemed to prohibit The University of North Carolina from conveying surplus computer equipment at no cost and The University of North Carolina is encouraged to prioritize distribution to nonprofit entities that refurbish computers to donate to low-income students or households in the State.

Background

In 2022, the UNC System began its work with two nonprofit entities, E2D and Kramden Institute, to donate computer surplus. The UNC System Office worked in partnership with the two nonprofits to distribute equitably and geographically Systemwide. The UNC System Chief Information Officer (CIO) is in contact with the two nonprofit entities to continue to advocate for and promote the benefits of the legislation. Both nonprofit entities have presented to the UNC System CIO Council and have received university contact information.

Implementation Report

Currently, six participating universities donate surplus computer equipment to their assigned nonprofit entity. Generally, the CIO community is excited about the legislation and the opportunity to have surplus computer equipment refurbished for distribution to families in need. Although there is growing momentum for this program, several challenges have surfaced: (1) A few universities lease their computer equipment, that is not eligible for surplus; (2) Universities have existing fee-based surplus agreements in place for IT equipment with a state

approved/contracted firm, often funding university positions; (3) Refurbished electronics are sold to internal university departments, staff, and students at a deep discount and loaned to the staff senate computer literacy program that supports underserved staff; and (4) The state surplus processes are traditionally outside of the university IT department.

2022 Calendar Year Statistics

Nonprofit	Total Received	Total Distributed	Total Recycled	Total Remaining in Inventory (for Distribution)
E2D	1256	63	795	398
Kramden Institute	1252	179	1073	0
TOTAL	**2508**	**242**	**1868**	**398**