

# Connecticut State University System

Developing a State of Minds



# **RESOLUTION**

# concerning

# LEASE OF A PORTION OF THE RADIO TOWER AND EQUIPMENT SHELTER AT EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY TO OMNIPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC

# October 2, 2003

WHEREAS,	Section 4b-38 of the Connecticut General Statutes provides that the Board of
	Trustees may lease land or buildings, and facilities under their control and
	supervision, and

WHEREAS,	Omnipoint Communications, Inc. has requested permission from Eastern		
	Connecticut State University to lease a portion of the radio tower and		
	equipment shelter for installation of antennas and related equipment, and		

WHEREAS,	It has been determined by Eastern that the space is not needed for use by the
	university, and

WHEREAS,	The Treasurer of the State of Connecticut has determined that the agreement
	does not affect the status of any tax-exempt obligations issued by the State of
	Connecticut, and

WHEREAS,	The lease agreement stipulates that use of the property is contingent upon
	meeting all policies, regulations and laws of local, state and federal agencies,
	therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System approve the lease of space to Omnipoint Communications, Inc. at Eastern Connecticut State University's radio tower and equipment shelter for the installation of communications equipment.

A Certified True Copy:

William J, Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

### **ITEM**

Lease of a portion of the radio tower and equipment shelter at Eastern Connecticut State University to Omnipoint Communications, Inc.

# **BACKGROUND**

The Board of Trustees under its statutory authority – Section 4b-38 – "...may lease land or buildings, or both, and facilities under the control and supervision of such board when such land, buildings or facilities are otherwise not used or needed for use by the constituent unit and such action seems desirable to produce income or is otherwise in the public interest, provided the treasurer has determined that such action will not affect the status of any tax-exempt obligations issued or to be issued by the State of Connecticut...."

### **ANALYSIS**

Omnipoint Communications, Inc. (OCI) has requested permission from management at Eastern Connecticut State University to lease a portion of the radio tower and equipment shelter to house their equipment. They would like to lease this space for the installation and maintenance of wires, cable, conduits and pipes associated with antenna structures. All improvements and alterations made to the space as part of the installation of the antennas will be at OCI's expense and subject to approval by Eastern.

The lease agreement stipulates that OCI's ability to use the property is contingent upon meeting all obligations of compliance with any and all environmental laws, including permits, regulations, guidelines, standards, or policies of all local, state and federal agencies. The agreement is being reviewed by the Office of the State Treasurer to ensure that it does not affect the State's tax-exempt status. In addition, the CSU Assistant Attorney General has reviewed it.

The initial term of the lease is for ten (10) years with an annual rental of \$24,000, thereafter increasing by 3% per annum. The agreement will be automatically extended for three (3) five-year terms for a total of 25 years unless terminated by either party by giving written notice of at least 60 days prior to commencement of the succeeding renewal term, with the annual rental continuing to increase by 3% per annum. In addition, there will be a one-time payment of \$43,000 due within sixty days of lease commencement. In the event of default of material covenant or term, the lease may be terminated by either party at any time upon 90 days' prior written notice to the other party. In addition, the lease may be terminated by the lessee upon 90 days' prior written notice if lessee determines that the premises or tower have become unacceptable under the lessee's design and engineering specifications, or if during any renewal term the lessee's communication system requirements have changed. Upon termination the lessee will remove all equipment and restore the equipment shelter to its original condition within 90 days.

The net present value of this lease, as well as those of the latest two approved leases for ECSU, are as follows:

Lease	Net Present Value
	per Square Foot
ECSU lease to Omnipoint Communications, Inc.	\$ 2,525.81
ECSU lease to Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems, LLC(Aug. 2003)	\$ 1,262.32
ECSU lease to Sprint Spectrum L.P. (July 2002)	\$ 1,734.44

# CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve the lease of space on the radio tower and equipment shelter at Eastern Connecticut State University to Omnipoint Communications, Inc.