BOARD OF REGENTS BRIEFING PAPER

Agenda Item Title: <u>HANDBOOK REVISION, Capitalization Threshold</u>

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

The institution Business Officers and Controllers have reviewed the current policy for equipment capitalization. Both groups recommend increasing the threshold from \$2,000 to \$5,000. The Federal Guidelines were amended in 2005 to increase their threshold to \$5,000. This change would bring our policy in agreement with the Federal Guidelines. Capital items costing less than \$5,000 will not be tagged for inventory purposes, however, the items will be considered for inclusion on the sensitive inventory listing.

As NSHE evolves, it is important that we adopt the consistent conventional polices of other higher education systems and our partners in industry.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

-Federal Guidelines allow a threshold up to \$5,000.

-A similar policy is in place at many colleges and universities (15 that were surveyed).

Proposed Board of Regents Handbook Revision

Title 4

Chapter 9 - NSHE Internal Audit, Finance and Administration Policies Section C - Financial Policies: Operating Budgets

Section 2.12. - Financial Policies: Capitalization Threshold

Capital equipment is defined as those items exceeding a [\$2,000] <u>\$5,000</u> expense threshold and having a useful life of greater than one year.