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Office of the President
October 29, 2003

Members, Board of Trustees:

FLUENT, INC., GIFT-IN-KIND

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees accept gift-in-kind software valued at \$1,160,000 from Fluent, Inc., of Lebanon, New Hampshire, to the Department of Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering.

Background: The Fluent gift of software will assist Dr. George Huang, Department of Mechanical Engineering professor and director of graduate studies, with his research areas of computational fluid dynamics (CFD) analysis and schemes. Fluent is the world's leading developer of CFD code for a wide range of flow-modeling applications. Using Fluent software, the department's product development, design, and research engineers build virtual prototypes and simulate the performance of proposed and existing designs, allowing them to improve design quality while reducing cost and speeding time to market.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____