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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to announce – after finalizing a new contract – that the incoming vendor partnering with us on the ASSIST project is **Fairway Technologies**.

About the New Vendor

Fairway Technologies(<http://fairwaytech.com/>), an award-winning software consulting firm based in La Jolla, California, delivers high-end technology resources and solutions, including software development and integration, web and database development, creative design, and project management. Fairway has successfully executed hundreds of enterprise projects for clients in a wide array of industries ranging from high-tech and finance, to private and public education. Below is a sampling of their recent education-related technology projects and clients:

- A website and database system redesign for the **Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC)**
- **University of California's A-G Course Management Portal**, the statewide high school articulation database system for “a-g” courses used by K-12 educators and administrators, as well as the UC and CSU systems for freshman admissions
- **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium's Test Delivery System**, including software upgrades that significantly increase performance and load capacity to expand the number of California K-12 students able to participate in Common Core testing at the same time
- **UC Transfer Pathways Guide**, a new online resource where California community college students can view and search for the colleges with existing UC Transfer Pathways

Vendor Transition

In late July 2017, Fairway began the onboarding and vendor transition process with the ASSIST Coordination Site team, and has since made steady progress. We have directed the overall project team's focus toward these goals:

- 1) Transfer of vendor knowledge
- 2) Resolving outstanding ASSIST data integrity issues
- 3) Display of 2017-18 ASSIST information
- 4) Timely development of the new ASSIST application for public launch in June 2018

In a separate communication to follow, we will provide further details on the display of 2017-18 ASSIST information, including a preliminary timeline. For the moment, please join us in welcoming the Fairway team to our intersegmental collaborations on behalf of the ASSIST project.

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