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TO:          Fiscal Officer
             All Departments

FROM:   David Bouhl
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        IT – Telecommunications

Subject:   Pager Vendor Change

During this past year, First Cellular has been bought out by Alltel. A local vendor; Novacom has been referred to us as an alterative which is located in Herrin. The coverage is not statewide; see the attached map pertaining to the coverage that is available. They are in the process of expanding their coverage down in the Anna area south and west with a tower in Anna in the next 3 weeks. We will be converting to their service in the next 2 months. They have numeric available now and alpha-numeric in 3 weeks.

The pricing is $7.50 and $8.50, respectfully. If you must have a statewide pager we can still get paging service with USA Mobile through the State.

The prefix will be 333 with this vendor and they assured me that they would work with us to keep our last 4 digits of our present pager number that we have at the present.

If you have any questions concerning this conversion; please contact Monica Wilson at 453-2401 or cellular@siu.edu.