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## **ANNOUNCEMENT – RFP AWARD** **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

The Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE) is pleased to announce the award of RFP#7042776 for Financial Management Information Systems for School Districts. Two types of systems were selected under this award: An Individual Installation System awarded to **Unifund, LLC** of Nashua, NH, and an Application Service Provider (ASP) environment awarded to **eFinancePLUS+** through SunGard Public Sector. This award entitles any public school district in the state of Rhode Island to contract directly with Unifund or SunGard for the implementation of the selected financial management software and related services.

### **About Unifund and BudgetSense:**

Unifund's solution, BudgetSense for Windows, is a fully integrated financial and employee management software solution designed for the Windows environment using the most contemporary Microsoft technologies to provide a progressive business solution. BudgetSense offers new concepts in procurement, employee management, management information, inquiry, and reporting including simple integration with MS Office Professional modules, Outlook and Crystal Reports. The software offers the opportunity to implement processes and procedures for your school district to improve efficiency and productivity by eliminating redundant handling of information. Budget Sense has been live using the Uniform Chart of Accounts in the Bristol Warren Regional School District for the past year, and new clients include the school districts of Barrington, Central Falls, Cumberland, and Narragansett.

Unifund, LLC is a developer of financial and human resource software solutions developed specifically for K-12 Education, and Local Governments, with over 300 clients located within the northeast. Unifund solutions are designed to help organizations achieve operational efficiencies by implementing automated workflow processes, expanding information access, and improving data-driven decision making. Software installations are customized to meet the needs and security requirements of each client. In the process, opportunities for optimizing improvements are identified and integrated into each project plan by employing TOPP©, Unifund's propriety Target of Peak Performance methodology. For more information about Unifund, please visit [www.unifundonline.com](http://www.unifundonline.com), or call Roger Melanson at (603) 595-5500.

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**About SunGard and eFinancePLUS:**

SunGard's solution, eFinancePLUS+, is a district-wide financial and human resources system for managing functions such as accounting, purchasing, fixed assets, accounts payable, payroll, personnel and much more. As a single integrated system with a centralized district-wide database, it provides the ability to easily and efficiently manage or access financial information. eFinancePLUS is intuitive to use and simply to deploy making it a very cost effective solution for K-12 schools. It supports Microsoft's SQL Server database and can be deployed on a windows 2003, UNIV or Linux Server. In addition, districts have the option of subscribing to a complete suite of applications over the Internet through its ASP solution. The Metropolitan Career & Technical Center has selected eFinancePLUS+ as their new financial and human resource system.

SunGard Public Sector serves a wide-range of customers – school districts, non-profit organizations, local, state and federal government agencies with a growing range of specialized enterprise resource planning and administration solutions. For more information on SunGard, please visit [www.efinanceplus.com](http://www.efinanceplus.com), or call Frank Brown at (610) 691-3616 x 5217.

Special Incentives for RI Clients: RIDE has negotiated special discounted pricing for both Unifund and SunGard, for districts that choose to participate in the RFP award. For more information contact Cindy Brown at RIDE at 222-4257 or via email to [Cynthia.Brown@ride.ri.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Brown@ride.ri.gov) .