

LLSAP Third-Party Purchase Guidelines

Overview –

The Technology Committee has established the following guidelines for any library or group of libraries considering the purchase of third-party software or hardware that will interface with the SirsiDynix database. The guidelines apply but are not limited to such products as RFID, self-check, Internet scheduling/print management, and other emerging technologies. They do not apply to modules built into the Horizon product (such as the Serials module) or included in the SirsiDynix contract (such as the Syndetics enhanced content).

Libraries contemplating purchasing third-party add-on products should consider the following points:

- When possible, select vendors that have an existing relationship with SirsiDynix
 - SirsiDynix evaluates third-party products with regard to their ability to employ established standards, especially connectivity standards
 - Libraries using vendors with an established relationship to SirsiDynix will enjoy increased support options
- If a proposed vendor does not have an existing relationship, RPLS must talk to SirsiDynix **first**, before the Technology Committee will be able to evaluate the proposal.
 - RPLS is not able to support third-party products. Libraries must rely on support from the vendor and from SirsiDynix if they have difficulties with their installations.
 - SirsiDynix will probably only provide limited support for non-partnered vendors' products
- Libraries will need to have (and provide to Technology Committee) a clear understanding of:
 - Hardware requirements of the product
 - Licensing costs, including year two and beyond
 - Interfaces or additional protocols required for successful operation of the product (e.g. SIP2)
- All costs for third-party products, including any necessary custom programming by SirsiDynix, are the responsibility of the participating library or group of libraries.

Procedure –

- The library or group of libraries interested in purchasing a third-party product to interface with the Horizon database should submit to the Technology Committee, **before** purchase, a proposal containing the following:
 - name of product
 - description of product
 - name of vendor and contact information

- hardware requirements
 - licensing costs
 - overall cost (the User’s Group may want to seek group pricing if sufficient libraries are interested)
 - expandability of the product if other libraries want to use it (does it require, for example, a SIP2 license for each participating site?)
 - point person at the library, or among membership if this is a group proposal, for this project
- The Technology Committee will respond to the proposal within 30 days
 - The library or group of libraries can appeal the Technology Committee’s decision to the Governing Board

Current SirsiDynix Third-Party Partners –

Content Partners: http://www.sirsidynix.com/Partners/partners_content_list.php

Technology Partners: http://www.sirsidynix.com/Partners/partners_tech_list.php

SIP2/NSIP Partners: http://www.sirsidynix.com/Partners/partners_sip2ncip_list.php