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Thinkfinity Grant Interim Report

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The purpose of the grant proposal for Thinkfinity funds was to improve the teaching of econometrics at Pace University by making available to students and professors the computer program most widely used in econometrics, Stata. The plan was, first, to buy 100 licenses for use by students in the computer laboratories as well as to buy copies for the four professors in the Economics department who teach or advise students in econometrics. Second, the three professors with no experience in the program would learn it. Third, the Economics department would use Stata in our econometrics courses as well as in Eco 400, a course in research methods.

All of these goals have been achieved. The purchasing order used in buying the materials from Stata is shown in Attachment 1. Stata's shipping order is Attachment 2. For some reason the materials were originally shipped to Joe Seijo in Pleasantville, but this was no problem, since Joe immediately sent them to me. I then gave two Stata DVDs to the Computer Resource Department (see Attachment 3), where Alfred Samala installed the program on the computers in the computer labs. Further, four of us in the Economics department have installed Stata on our computers, and three are taking web-based courses from Stata on using the program. Finally, we are teaching Stata in Eco 400, which has just started.

One part of the original plan has changed. In February, when we obtained the Thinkfinity funds we bought the current version of the program, 10. In July, version 11 came out. Stata generously allowed me to upgrade to the newest version for the difference in their prices, which I paid out of pocket (Attachment 4.). The Computer Resource Center has since installed the new version in the computer labs.

SUPPLIER INFORMATION:

Supplier Name: StataCorp LP

Supplier Address: 4905 Lakeway Drive
College Station, Texas 77845

Supplier Phone#: 800-782-8272
Supplier Fax#: 979-696-4601

ITEM INFORMATION:

Item Name / Software Name: 50-user Stata/IC 10 Lab Windows 32-bit

Item #:

Description of item: 50 licenses to use Stata (the IC version) in a computer lab. That is, 50 students can use the program at the same time.

Qty/# of Licenses: 50

Individual Price: $4,550.00

Total Price: $4,550.00

ITEM INFORMATION:

Item Name / Software Name: 50-user Stata/IC 10 Lab Windows 32-bit

Item #:

Description of item: Same as above. We need 100 licenses.

Qty/# of Licenses: 50

Individual Price: $4,550

Total Price: $4,550

ITEM INFORMATION:

Item Name / Software Name: _4 single-user Stata/SE 10 licenses_Windows 32-bit____

Item #: _____

Description of item: _4 licenses to be used by the professors with single-processor computers. These must be separate licenses from those above._____

Qty/# of Licenses: _4_____

Individual Price: _$985 for the first, $440 for the second, $390 for the third and fourth._____

Total Price: _$2,205_____

ITEM INFORMATION:

Item Name / Software Name: _1 single-user Stata/MP 10 license_Windows 64-bit_x86

Item #: _____

Description of item: _1 license for a multi-processor computer. The "MP"__ above refers to "multi-processor"._____

Qty/# of Licenses: _1_____

Individual Price: _$2,145.00_____

Total Price: _$2,145.00_____

ITEM INFORMATION:

Item Name / Software Name: _Base Documentation Set for Windows

Item #: _____

Description of item: _These are the manuals that explain how to use the program.

Qty/# of Licenses: _2_____

Individual Price: _$300_____

Total Price: _$600_____

ITEM INFORMATION:

Item Name / Software Name: Stat/Transfer 5-user Workgroup for Windows

Item #: _____

Description of item: This program converts data sets created by other programs, such as SAS, to Stata data sets.

Qty/# of Licenses: 1

Individual Price: $595

Total Price: $595

OTHER:

Quote# The total cost of the above items is $14,645. According to Stata's website, the shipping is $123.30, so the total cost is 14,768.30

Ship to Address: Gregory J Colman
41 Park Row, room 1127
New York, New York 10038

Note to the Supplier: _____

Any internal Note: _____

StataCorp LP

Packing List

P.O. Number: P0058483

Ship Date: 2/26/2009

Ship to: Joseph Seijo
Pace University
Mortola Library 2nd Floor CP32
861 Bedford Road MLB
Pleasantville NY 10570

Product	Quantity Shipped
Stata Lab Starter Kit 10 (Win)	2
Add users to Stata/IC Lab 10 (Win)	50
Add users to Stata/IC Lab 10 (Win)	50
Stata/SE vol. purchase w/ Complete Set 10 (Win)	1
Stata/MP4 w/ Complete Set 10 (Win)	1
Stata Base Documentation Set 10 (Win)	2
Stat/Transfer Workgroup 9 (Win)	1

Thank you for your order -- Carrie M. Tetrault

This shipment is per our invoice number 152974-274323.
If you have questions concerning this shipment, please contact me at

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College Station, Texas 77845
Telephone: 979-696-4600
Fax: 979-696-4601

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1 PACE PLAZA
NEW YORK, NY 10038-1598
(212) 346-1200

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

From:
Gabriel Moreno
Supervisor-Computer Resource Center
New York City campus
One Pace Plaza

To:
Gregory Colman
41 Park Row, room 1127
New York, New York 10038

Dear Greg,
I have received two Stata DVDs and two sets of the basic Stata manuals.

Gabe Moreno

StataCorp LP

August 4, 2009
Invoice Number 152974-287454
Ship by Ground

Ship Date: 8/4/2009

Bill to:
Gregory Coleman
Apartment 14E
189 West 89th Street
New York NY 10024

Ship to:
Gregory Coleman
Apartment 14E
189 West 89th Street
New York NY 10024

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total
1	Upgrade Stata/IC Lab 11 Upgrade for 1910574612; 50-user Lab	$ 250.00	$ 250.00
1	Upgrade Stata/IC Lab 11 Upgrade for 1910574613; 50-user Lab	$ 250.00	$ 250.00
1	Stata/SE volume upgrade 11 Upgrade for 81910574264 81910574265 81910574266 Upgrade for 81910574267	$ 150.00	$ 150.00
3	Stata DVD 11	$ 0.00	
1	Stata/MP4 upgrade 11 Upgrade for 61910574611	$ 0.00	
	Shipping Ground		$ 13.80
			$ 663.80
	Received: 8/4/2009 MC **** **** **** 9327 05/11 75513B		$ 663.80
	Net		$ 0.00

Thank you for your order -- Malinda S. Vela

If you have questions concerning this invoice, contact me at

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189 West 89th Street
New York NY 10024

Product	Quantity Shipped
Upgrade Stata/IC Lab 11	1
Upgrade Stata/IC Lab 11	1
Stata/SE volume upgrade 11	1
Stata DVD 11	3
Stata/MP4 upgrade 11	1

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