From: Evan Louie, project lead

To: Philippe Kruchten, VP Development

Re: Purchase of JIRA for Project Fubar

I am writing you to request approval for the funding of $5400 to purchase a 2 year subscription to Atlassian JIRA ($1200), JIRA Agile ($900), and JIRA Stash ($2700). Each requested application will serve as a vital component for my team's project management platform and will improve team productivity and the ability to effectively manage and track the overall progress of the project.

With our current project portal, we lack the ability to effectively manage projects, workflows, code revisions, and task backlogs within one cohesive framework. As such, all teams within the organization, including mine, cannot effectively track our projects without falling back to internal team practices. With the new members of my team working from the Walldorf site, the need for a cohesive and unified progress tracking tool is of the utmost importance.

JIRA is a software platform which allows teams to plan, manage, and track projects as well as assign work, track issues, and follow team activity. The JIRA Agile add-on adds the ability to track and assign the tasks made in JIRA within Scrum and/or Kanban boards. The JIRA Stash add-on will enable developers to manage their code revisions and link them to specific backlog tasks.

As the company begins its migration towards Lean/Agile development practices, management platforms such as JIRA will play an ever more important role in the future of all teams within the company. As our current project management portal does not support the iterative workflow which we are now moving towards, this would prove an excellent chance to migrate to a new and well established vendor/product which supports our new needs. In the future, if JIRA proves to be good match for my team's needs, which it has for me in the past, I can see Atlassian and JIRA as being an excellent solution for enterprise deployment for all of our project management, issue tracking, and code revision/repository needs.

Product	Cost
JIRA (2 Year Maintenance / 25 Users)	$1800
JIRA Agile (2 Year Maintenance / 25 Users)	$900
JIRA Stash (2 Year Maintenance / 25 Users)	$2700
Total:	$5400

Approval for this funding request would be very much appreciated,

Evan Louie,
Project Fubar Team Lead