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Subject: Which Motherboard?

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Ok, so basically my new system will be running 800mhz 4GB ram, socket am2 6000, and 2x8600GT sli. Im looking for a good mother board with built in sound card but to my surprise there was VERY limited selection to socket am2 period. Ive been using a few sites, tigerdirect.ca is the cheapest and ships to canada so don't suggest newegg, etc.

<http://www.tigerdirect.ca/applications/SearchTools/item-details.asp?EdpNo=3642074&CatId=2050>

^Cheaper, basically has the same features as the asus, minus firewire and dual gigabit lan. But better intergrated audio (7.1 hd altek)

<http://www.tigerdirect.ca/applications/SearchTools/item-details.asp?EdpNo=2824015&CatId=2050>

^Almost double, worse audio card, bigger in size (worried the msi one might not be able to bolt down correctly to my case) e-sata, firewire and dual gigabit lan, of those 3 I don't use a single one but im thinking ahead (resale), and better brand name +well known model (M2N, and its the higher end SLI-Deluxe).

Basically, is the asus worth the extra money? Any have experience with MSI? If you have ever toyed with overclocking with MSI, mind detailing the experience (how OC friendly is MSI)?

P.S: The msi is actually 8x-8x sli, which is basically sli v1, but im not sure if the Asus sli is the same. For my current board it is (A8N-Sli Deluxe), does anyone know or can find if the M2N Sli-Deluxe is "true sli" (16x-16x)? Thanks.