

Purchase Request #4
Regular Board Meeting August 22, 2017
Consideration of Approval
to Purchase Clinical Skills Manikins

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President Recommends the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of clinical skills manikins from CAE Healthcare for the Nursing department.

BACKGROUND

The District's Health Sciences simulation program has been creating and facilitating simulated medical experiences for the past 10 years in order to afford students the opportunity to learn in a controlled setting. CAE Healthcare is a recognized vendor in the industry and has been supplying various types of simulation manikins to the District for more than 10 years.

Reference number (REF) 4095 was issued to track the volume of spend for the clinical skills manikins. Tracking of spend volume is accomplished through the Purchasing Department's eProcurement system. The system is set to automatically notify the contract owner when 85% of the approved expenditure is reached, which triggers the contract owner to analyze current and future spend. CAE Healthcare is a sole source provider of the clinical skills manikin and is exempt from competitive bidding per Section 44.031(j) of the Texas Education Code.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

Simulation enhances student learning and retention. The experiences offered to our students would not be possible without the opportunities afforded by these specialized manikins.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

This purchasing request is for spend authorization for \$350,000.00 which is being funded by the Nursing Shortage Reduction over 70 grants for FY16 and FY17 in accordance with Board Policy CF (Local) and Texas Education Code Section 44.031.

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