

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT**

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of a network backup system from Unique Digital, Inc. for the Technology Services department.

### **BACKGROUND**

This network backup system is replacing an aging seven year old system. It will provide greater speed and capacity than the current system.

Unique Digital has a contract through the DIR cooperative contracts program to provide Dell-branded hardware and software (Contract Number DIR-TSO-3763). It complies with the competitive procurement requirements outlined in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code, as permitted under Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code.

Reference number (REF) 4415 was issued to track the volume of spend for the purchase of backup systems.

### **IMPACT OF THIS ACTION**

This purchase includes hardware testing, rack and stack, setup and configuration, agent deployment, and verification of successful backups. It also includes backup configuration for up to 100 virtual servers and/or up to five physical servers and five years of support.

### **BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)**

This purchasing request is for spend authorization of \$200,000 which is budgeted in the Technology Services departments' FY21 operating budget.

The term of the contract will be February 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021.

### **RESOURCE PERSONNEL**

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