

Purchase Request #7
Regular Board Meeting January 24, 2017
Consideration of Approval to Renew Contract for Apple
Computer Systems, Accessories and Related Services

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approve the renewal of the contract for computer systems, accessories and related services from Apple Inc. for the District.

BACKGROUND

A reference (REF) Number 2777 was issued to track the volume of spend for Apple computer systems, accessories and related services for the District.

The equipment purchased with this contract consists of Apple desktop and laptop computers, software and other related Apple hardware such as Apple TV for shared viewing and iPads.

Apple Inc. is the sole provider of a Collegiate Purchasing Program to provide educational discounts for Apple software and hardware. Apple Inc. has a contract through the Texas Department of Information Resources purchasing program, Contract Number DIR-SDD-2068 Contract for Products and Related Services, and is in compliance with the competitive procurement requirements set forth in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code, as permitted through Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

Numerous departments use Apple hardware and software for instruction and is heavily used in both the music and art departments. Apple is becoming the industry standard for graduates. There are also a number of staff who utilize the Macintosh platform and iPads are being used for instruction, student support and energy management. This contract provides equipment, support and software which provides students with the knowledge, skills and experience to use the equipment they will encounter in the workforce.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The estimated annual expenditure for this request is \$250,000.00. This expenditure will be funded by various department's 2016-2017 operating budgets and subsequent year's budget, subject to Board approval.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The term of contract will be February 28, 2017 through August 31, 2018.

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