

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves the expenditure of additional funds for the purchase of electronics and appliances, goods and services from Advanced Technologies Consultants for the Academic Affairs/Workforce Department at the Technical Campus.

BACKGROUND

Advanced Technologies Consultants is the nation's leading distributor of name-brand technical training curriculum, equipment, software, and furniture. The additional requested funds will be used to purchase zSpace Learning Station laptops, accessories, and a charging cart along with software for the Automotive program at the Technical Campus.

Advanced Technology Consultants has a contract through the TIPS cooperative purchasing program to provide classroom and teaching aids, goods and services, Contract Number 210902. The contract 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.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

It is the intent of the workforce programs to purchase software programs that will help to increase retention between the second and third semesters, allow additional training experiences to better prepare students for employment, and comply with advisory committee feedback.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The Board has approved a total spend authorization of \$210,000. This purchasing request is for an additional \$200,000 spend authorization, which will be funded through a Carl Perkins Grant. The current contract spend is \$189,717.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The contract term is September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL

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