



## NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Date: October 19, 2026

Presenter: Deb Caldwell  
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Subject: Approval of Design-Build Firm for Related Pages(s): None  
the School Intercom PA System  
Bond 2025 Project A03

### CONSENT ITEM

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On February 23, 2026, the North East ISD Board of Trustees approved the staff recommendation to utilize the Design-Build procurement method for Project A03 of the 2025 Bond Program, Districtwide School Intercom and Public Address (PA) System Upgrades. Request for Qualifications (RFQ No. 31-26) was subsequently issued, with Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) due on August 27, 2026. Seven qualified Public Address (PA) and School Intercom firms submitted SOQs in response to the public solicitation. An evaluation committee conducted a two-step selection process: (1) an independent evaluation of the SOQs, worth up to 60 points, and (2) interviews with selected firms, worth up to 40 points. Based on the final rankings and in accordance with the RFQ requirements, a primary firm and an alternate firm are recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval to serve as the Design-Build Firm for this project in support of the 2025 Bond Program.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION**

Board Policy CV requires that prime design consultants for a project which exceeds \$100,000 in total cost be appointed by the Board of Trustees.

#### **BUDGETARY CONSIDERATION**

Funds for the design and construction of service contracts are provided by the 2025 Bond program.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The RFQ Evaluation Committee, consisting of the Executive Director of Construction Management and Engineering, Executive Director of Safety & Security, and Facility Maintenance & Operations staff, thoroughly evaluated the Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) submitted in response to RFQ No. 31-26. Based on the results of the evaluation process, the committee recommends that the Board of Trustees award the Design-Build contract for the Districtwide Integrated Public Address/Announcement (PA) System Project to Convergent Technologies, LLC as the primary Design-Build Firm and designate Audio Enhancement as the alternate Design-Build Firm. The committee recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Superintendent, the Chief Operations Officer, and the Executive Director of Construction Management and Engineering to negotiate and execute all necessary contract documents related to this project in support of the 2025 Bond Program.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUIRED**

Approval/Disapproval