



Date of Board Meeting:

October 20, 2026

Recommendation:

Approve a three-year renewal of network services through the Lonestar Education and Research Network.

Background and Rationale:

Wharton County Junior College utilizes the Lonestar Education and Research Network (LEARN) to provide critical network and internet connectivity in support of all College network operations. The proposed three-year renewal provides a 10G last-mile circuit for connectivity to the Wharton and Richmond campuses, 2G commodity internet service, NREN connectivity, and continued LEARN membership which includes over 40 institutions of higher education across the state. The agreement also includes replacement customer-premise equipment at both campus locations.

Recurring costs over the three-year term total \$269,940 (or an annual amount of \$89,980). In addition, \$4,000 in one-time equipment costs are included for Customer Premise Equipment for the Wharton and Richmond campuses.

Renewal of these services will maintain the reliable, high-capacity network infrastructure necessary to support the College's instructional, administrative, and technology operations.

Budgetary Implications:

\$273,940 (FY27 Current Operating Budget)

Resource Personnel:

Amanda Allen, Ed.D., President

Approval:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Amanda Allen", followed by the date "09/30/20". Below the signature is a horizontal line, and the word "President" is printed below the line.

President

Service Order 2026.08

This Service Order is entered into by and between Wharton County Junior College ("Member"), and LEARN: Lonestar Education and Research Network ("LEARN") and is subject to the terms and conditions of the Service Agreement made by and between Member and LEARN as of February 2, 2023. This

Description of Network Services:

Term: 3 Year (36 months)

Non-Recurring Services:

Service Descriptions	Location	One Time Costs
One-Time Costs for CPE device	911 E Bowling Hwy, Wharton, TX 77488	\$2,000.00
One-Time Costs for CPE device	5333 FM 1640, Richmond, TX 77469	\$2,000.00
		\$4,000.00

Recurring Services:

Service Descriptions	Location	Period	Monthly Amount	Addendum Recurring Total
10G Last Mile Circuit (GTT/FiberLight)	911 E Bowling Hwy, Wharton, TX<>1950 Stemmons Frwy, Dallas, TX	9/1/2026 – 08/31/2029	\$2,685.00	\$96,660.00
10G Last Mile Circuit (GTT/PS Lightwave)	5333 FM 1640, Richmond, TX<>1301 Fannin Street, Houston, TX	9/1/2026 – 08/31/2029	\$3,030.00	\$109,080.00
2G Commodity Internet Service (CIS)		9/1/2026 – 08/31/2029	\$1,400.00	\$50,400.00
NREN Connectivity		9/1/2026 – 08/31/2029	\$283.33	\$10,199.88
Annual Affiliate Membership Fee		2027-2029	\$1,200.00	\$3,600.00
		Totals		\$269,939.88

¹LEARN Services & Membership rates are established by the LEARN Board of Directors and may be adjusted as required. Members agree to pay such increased rates after receiving notice of the increase from LEARN.

Additional Member Requirements and Other Notes:

- Member to provide ARIN assigned Autonomous System Number (ASN), IP address blocks, and configure BGP on its router OR utilize static routes for IP connectivity.
- IP service delivered over single mode fiber at 1310nm wavelength and handoff requires LR optics on the receiving end.

- Member using BGP, the router must have resources to accept 850,000+ IPv4 route entries, IPv6 is available upon request.
- Service can be invoiced monthly, quarterly or annually.
- LEARN will invoice Member in advance and payment of LEARN invoices will be due and payable thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice.

Completion Date:

Installation of the Network Services are expected to be completed on or before 3 months from when LEARN receives a signed Service Order. If the Network Services include separate Network Services for multiple Member sites, then a completion date for each Member site may be set forth below. The End Date shall automatically extend due to delays in the completion of the Network Services, accepted Change Order Requests which increase the time LEARN requires, or changes required by LEARN. LEARN will use reasonable commercial efforts to inform Member of any changes to the completion date.

LEARN will communicate completion dates as they are assigned by third parties. LEARN will start the bill for the Member and invoice as soon as the third party delivers the service. It is important that this service is a priority for the Member and that all necessary member provided cross connects/fiber connections, hardware, and/or optics needed from the Member are in place before the completion date. We will not be able to push the billing start date back once the service is delivered, regardless of if it is useable by the Member.

Renewal Term and End Date: September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2029

Early Termination Fees: If Member cancels or terminates a service under this Addendum prior to the end of the Initial Term, Member shall pay LEARN an Early Termination Fee (as liquidated damages and not as a penalty) equal to:

- All one-time costs, set up fees, installation fees, or other similar costs or fees, plus
- The aggregate fees and charges payable by LEARN (including but not limited to, recurring non-cancelable fees, liquidated damages and disconnection, early cancellation or termination charges payable to third parties) in connection with the cancellation or termination of the service, plus
- All recurring costs for the remaining balance of the term of the cancelled service.

All Early Termination Fees shall be due and payable within 5 business days of the effective date of termination. An early termination shall not be effective until all Early Termination Fees have been paid in full.

Acceptance Criteria:

Each of the circuits will be validated as usable if the Member can connect their network equipment at each end and establish a Layer 3 connection validating packet flow between sites. A tool such as "iperf" (<https://iperf.fr/>) may be used to validate the circuit performance.

Member Site(s):

Site Name	Site Address
WCJC Wharton Campus	911 E Bowling Hwy., Wharton, TX 77488
WCJC Richmond Campus	5333 FM 1640, Richmond, TX 77469

Equipment List:

Description	Quantity
Customer Premise Equipment (CPE Device) – 1 for each campus location	2

The foregoing list of Equipment may not be comprehensive and may not include all materials including but not limited to insubstantial materials such as connectors, cables, racks, labels, and other miscellaneous materials. External factors may require LEARN to substitute Equipment with equal or higher standards, LEARN will disclose the details to Member. All Equipment remains the sole and exclusive property of LEARN.

Labor Rates:

Fees for all work outside the scope described in this schedule, including change order work, shall be computed in accordance with LEARN's current fee schedules, listed below, as such schedules may be revised from time to time, unless otherwise agreed to in writing.

Personnel Description	Standard Hourly Rate	Premium Hourly Rate
Engineering Architect	\$217.00	2 x Standard Hourly Rate
Routing Engineer	\$134.00	2 x Standard Hourly Rate
Network Engineer	\$134.00	2 x Standard Hourly Rate
Systems Engineer	\$116.00	2 x Standard Hourly Rate
Project Manager	\$134.00	2 x Standard Hourly Rate
Security Engineer	\$158.00	2 x Standard Hourly Rate

Standard Hourly Rates are for work performed between the normal working hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm Central Time, Monday through Friday on normal working days. Premium Hourly Rates are for work performed on weekends, on holidays, or on normal working days but outside normal working hours.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Party represents that it has caused this Service Order to the Network Services Addendum to be executed on its behalf as of the date written below by a representative empowered to bind that Party with respect to the undertakings and obligations contained herein.

**LEARN: LONESTAR EDUCATION AND
RESEARCH NETWORK**

**WHARTON COUNTY JUNIOR
COLLEGE**

Signature

Kerry Mobley
President & CEO

Date

Signature

Dr. Amanda Allen
President

Date