ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves the addition of Ford Audio Video System, LLC, and FORTÉ for the purchase of technology equipment and installation services for the District.

BACKGROUND

The Brass Effect, Inc., Lantek Audio Visual Communications LLC, Ford Audio Video System, LLC, and FORTÉ offer a range of security systems, access control, video surveillance, audiovisual integration, and technology infrastructure services to the District.

Reference Number SCON-101616 was issued to track the contract spend for technology equipment and installation services. The Brass Effect, Inc. has two contracts through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) cooperative contracts program to provide technology equipment and installation services, Contract Numbers 250106 and 25010401. Lantek Audio Visual Communications LLC has a contract through TIPS to provide audio visual equipment, supplies, and services, Contract Number 230901. Ford Audio Video System, LLC has a contract through TIPS to provide technology equipment and installation services, Contract Number 260105, and a contract through the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR), Contract Number DIR-CPO-5054. FORTÉ has a contract through TIPS to provide technology equipment and installation services, Contract Number 230105, a contract through DIR, Contract Number DIR-CPO-5084, and a contract through Omnia Partners, Contract Number R250406. The contracts comply 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

Due to the amount of construction and classroom relocations occurring throughout the District, The Brass Effect, Inc. and Lantek Audio Visual Communications LLC have substantially increased their services. These services are aiding in the ongoing campus renovations. Approval of adding two additional vendors to the contract will expand the District's pool of qualified AV installation providers and improve scheduling capacity.

BUDGET INFORMATION

- Board Approved Authorization: $1,000,000
- Additional Authorization Request: $0
- Funding Source: Technology Department's FY27 operating budget
- Current Contract Spend: $18,110

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The contract term is September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

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