## ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves the addition of LION Group, Inc. for the purchase of firefighting personal protective equipment with related equipment cleaning for the District's Police Department as well as the Police and Fire academies.

## BACKGROUND

Lion, Fire-Dex GW, LLC, and LION Group, Inc. provide firefighting personal protective equipment (PPE), related equipment, and equipment cleaning services for the District's Police Department as well as the Police and Fire academies.

Reference Number SCON-101539 was issued to track the contract spend for the purchase of firefighting PPE. Lion and LION Group have a contract through the Sourcewell cooperative contracts program, Contract Number 010424-LIO. Fire-Dex has a contract through the Sourcewell cooperative contracts program, Contract Number 010424-FDX. 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

Approval of an additional vendor to the contract will expand the District's pool of qualified sources for essential protective equipment and related services in support of public safety operations.

## BUDGET INFORMATION

- Board Approved Authorization: $180,000
- Additional Authorization Request: $0
- Funding Source: FY27 operating budgets of the District's Police Department and Police and Fire academies
- Current Contract Spend: $0

## MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

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

## RESOURCE PERSONNEL

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