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MEMORANDUM
Office of the Vice President for Workforce Development
To: Dr. Ponce and the Board of Trustees
From: DeDe Griffith
Date: November 16, 2026

RE: Consideration of Approval of the purchase of one 2027 Freightliner Cascadia truck for the Temple College Commercial Driver License program through Sourcewell Daimler Contract #032824-DAI, funded by the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Driving Forward grant.

Staff Recommendation: Approval
The Board is asked to consider the purchase of one 2027 Freightliner Cascadia truck from Lonestar Truck Group through Sourcewell Daimler Contract #032824-DAI for $185,666.00. The truck will support hands-on instruction in Temple College's Commercial Driver License (CDL) program. The quoted price includes an extended six-year/600,000-mile engine warranty. Funding is proposed through the FIPSE Driving Forward grant.

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Purchase Approval

Description
Consider purchasing one 2027 Freightliner Cascadia truck from Lonestar Truck Group through **Sourcewell Daimler Contract #032824-DAI** for Temple College's CDL program, funded by the FIPSE Driving Forward grant.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to approve the purchase of one 2027 Freightliner Cascadia truck, including the quoted extended engine warranty, for a total of $185,666.0, funded by the FIPSE Driving Forward Grant.

Background

Temple College is developing its CDL training program through the FIPSE Driving Forward grant. Purchasing a truck will provide equipment for instructor-led training and support the College's ability to deliver commercial driver instruction.

The proposed truck will give students practical experience with commercial vehicle systems and operating procedures as they prepare for Class A CDL testing and employment in transportation and logistics.

Purpose

The proposed purchase is one 2027 Freightliner Cascadia sleeper-cab truck. The accompanying vehicle specification sheet identifies the following features:

- Detroit DD15 engine rated at 505 horsepower
- Detroit DT12-1750-OH transmission
- 72-inch raised-roof sleeper
- Tandem rear axles, air suspension, and an air-slide fifth wheel
- Stock #VSXP1509; VIN 3AKJJHDR6VSXP1509

The truck will support instruction in vehicle inspections, vehicle control, backing and maneuvering, coupling and uncoupling, and road driving. The purchase will provide students with experience using equipment representative of commercial trucking operations.

Fiscal Impact

The purchase will be made through Lonestar Truck Group utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program, Temple College Member Account #90050 and Daimler Contract #032824-

DAI, ensuring a competitive, compliant, and cost-effective procurement process. Funding will be drawn from the Capital Campaign Equipment & Naming Fund.

Funding will be drawn from the **FIPSE Driving Forward grant**.
Purchases made through Sourcewell satisfy competitive bidding requirements in accordance with **Texas Education Code § 51.9335** and the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act **(Texas Government Code Chapter 791)**. This cooperative program has utilized an open competitive proposal process to evaluate the best value, allowing the institution to satisfy state procurement requirements while capturing volume-discount efficiencies.

The quoted purchase price is below:

Cost component	**Amount**
Chassis price before Sourcewell discount	$267,412.00
Chassis price after Sourcewell discount	$180,851.00
2027 model year increase	$3,250.00
Tariff charges	$5,000.00
Extended EW4 6YR/600K engine warranty	$7,765.00
Total chassis price	$196,866.00
Special customer discount	($11,200.00)
Total purchase amount for one truck	**$185,666.00**

Total Purchase Amount: $185,666.0
Funds Available
_____ Budgeted
_____ Fund Balance
X Other: FIPSE Driving Forward grant

Approved:

Dr. Gisela Figueroa Date
Associate Vice President for Finance

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Approved:

Glenn Graham Date
Vice President for Finance