

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves additional expenditure funds to purchase a new storage area network (SAN) from Unique Digital for the Technology Services Department.

BACKGROUND

This SAN will be replacing a seven-year-old SAN that the manufacturer no longer supports.

Reference Number (REF) 4415 was issued to track the volume of spend for SAN. Unique Digital has a contract through the DIR cooperative contracts program to provide Dell-branded hardware and software (Contract Number DIR-TSO-3763). The contract complies 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

The new SAN includes enough space to accommodate current and future growth. This purchase includes five years of maintenance and support for the system.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The Board has approved a total spend authorization of \$200,000. This purchasing request is for spend authorization for an additional \$300,000, which is budgeted in the Technology Services Department's FY21 operating budget.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The contract term is September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021

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