

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves a contract for welding materials, supplies, and equipment from Archie Supply, LLC., Garland Steel, Lincoln Electric Company, Matheson Gas, and Mitchell Welding Supply, LLC. for the Welding Technology program.

BACKGROUND

The Technical Campus began offering welding courses at the beginning of the Fall 2020 semester. The course curriculum requires the procurement of a variety of consumable welding products such as welding rods, wires, and tools.

Invitation To Bid Number FY2024-ITB-024 was issued to procure welding materials, supplies, and equipment. Five responses were received and evaluated by a Purchasing Department team member, and the bids submitted by these vendors were determined to be both responsible and responsive to all solicitation requirements.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

Consumable welding products such as welding rods, wires, and tools are needed daily to teach welding students. Contracting these products at a discounted rate will provide greater cost savings, which can be applied to offset other expenses, such as replacing worn out equipment.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

This purchasing request is for spend authorization of \$1,200,000 for three years, which is budgeted in the Welding Technology Department's FY24 operating budget and subsequent years' budgets, subject to Board approval. The previous three year contract spend is currently \$1,266,980.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The contract term is May 29, 2024 year through April 30, 2027.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL

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