

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends that the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of cylinder gas rental services, welding equipment, and supplies from Airgas Inc.

BACKGROUND

Airgas Inc. has provided various gases, equipment, and supplies in support of Health Science, Laboratory Science, and Welding programs since 2011. Until now, the annual spend has remained under the threshold requiring Board approval.

Reference Number SCON-101143 was issued to track the volume of spend for cylinder gas rental services, welding equipment, and supplies. Airgas Inc. has a contract through the E&I cooperative purchasing program, Contract Number CNR001268, to provide cylinder gas rental services, welding equipment, and supplies. The contract complies with the competitive procurement requirements outlined in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code, as permitted through Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

An increase in the course curriculum for the Technical Campus requires additional welding equipment, tools, hardware, and cylinder rental gases to support the lab spaces. The Health Science and Laboratory Science programs also use this contract.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

This purchasing request is for spend authorization of \$250,000, which is budgeted in the various departments' FY25 operating budget. The current contract spend is \$91,246.13.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The contract term is September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL

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