



Wharton County Junior College

Proposed Agenda Item Board of Trustees Meeting

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Date of Board Meeting: August 18, 2020 Date of This Proposal: August 5, 2020

SUBJECT:

Approve the proposal submitted by RockIT Consulting LLC to replace the College's network "backbone switch" located in the Hodges Library as well as an additional switch that services 5 computer labs in the Peace Building with funds from the CARES Act.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the proposal submitted by RockIT Consulting LLC to replace the College's network "backbone switch" located in the Hodges Library as well as an additional switch that services 5 computer labs in the Peace Building for \$128,112.60 with funds from the CARES Act.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The College's network connectivity to all our buildings runs through these 10 year old pieces of equipment. Several pieces of the equipment can no longer be serviced. In addition, over the years, faster, more reliable equipment has been developed and is available. There are additional switches and equipment currently servicing 5 computer labs in the Peace Building that are in similar condition. The new Cisco Meraki equipment proposed will not only provide better reliability, but is also upgradeable should our needs expand. Installation and any required cabling is also included in their proposal. The quote from RockIT Consulting is using a TIPS Cooperative contract # 200105. Purchases using this approved contract satisfy all State Bid requirements.

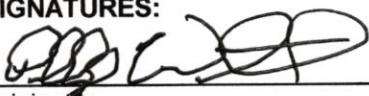
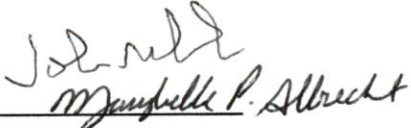


Estimated Cost & Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): \$128,112.60

CARES Act Funds

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:

Pam Youngblood, Vice President of Information Technology
John Miller, Network Manager
Philip Wuthrich, Director of Purchasing

SIGNATURES:

		<u>8-7-20</u>
Originator		Date
		<u>8/7/2020</u>
Cabinet-Level Supervisor		Date

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:

	<u>8-11-20</u>
	Date