



# Wharton County Junior College

## Board of Trustees Agenda Item

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**Date of Board Meeting:** March 26, 2024

**Subject:** Approve the proposal submitted by Echo Healthcare of \$135,485.00 to provide an interactive 3 wall projection system lab simulator with touch controls simulating actual scenes to help EMT students manage these environments on the Wharton Campus.

**Recommendation:** Approve the proposal submitted by Echo Healthcare of \$135,485.00 to provide an interactive 3 wall projection system lab simulator with touch controls simulating actual scenes to help EMT students manage these environments with previously approved TRUE (Texas Reskilling & Upskilling for Education) Grant funds.

**Background and Rationale:** The College solicited proposals from companies for a fully interactive video room to assist EMT training by creating environments that students will have to master. The College purchased one of these systems for the Richmond Campus in 2022. The characteristics of the desired system were listed, and a library of existing environments was also requested. The College received one proposal. Echo Healthcare of Sarasota Florida provided a comprehensive solution including all hardware & software required, a library of prerecorded scenarios, complete installation & training, and a 1 year warranty package for \$135,485.00. They discounted and proposed a 3 year maintenance package but there were not enough grant funds available to purchase the 3 years at this time. Echo Healthcare has confirmed that the College has a full year after the installation is complete to take advantage of the 3 additional year warranty offer listed on this quote. The College reserved the right to take advantage of their offer at a later date should funds become available.

**Cost and Budgetary Support:** \$135,485.00  
TRUE Grant Funds

**Strategic Priority Alignment:**

☐ Student Success

☐ Community Impact

☐ Resource Optimization

☒ Institutional Excellence

**Resource Person(s):**

Bryce D. Kocian, Vice President of Administrative Services

Tim Guin, Division Chair

Gary Bonewald, EMS Program Director

Philip Wuthrich, Director of Purchasing

**Signatures:**

Originator

Cabinet-Level Supervisor

Date

Date

**President's Approval:**

President

Date

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