

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves the contract for planning and scheduling software from Ad Astra Information Systems, LLC for the District.

BACKGROUND

The District has been utilizing Ad Astra's software for scheduling the use of classrooms and conference rooms across the District for several years. This request will add Ad Astra's Align with Predict and Integrated Planning modules.

Reference Number SCON-100694 was issued to track contract spend for planning and scheduling software. Ad Astra is a sole source provider of the planning and scheduling software and is exempt from competitive bidding per Section 44.031(j) of the Texas Education Code.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

Align with Predict will assist in offering the right number of sections to meet student need and offers more precise recommendations by using pathway and student progress information to predict demand for courses. Integrated Planning will allow the District to design an annual schedule template that operationalizes the District's strategy and ensures alignment across academic departments. Creating student-aligned schedules will improve student outcomes by accelerating student progress to degree completion.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

This purchasing request is for spend authorization of \$313,000, which will be funded through an Innovations Challenge grant and Technology Service's FY24 operating budget. The current annual spend for the maintenance and support of the Ad Astra Room Scheduling Software is \$53,375, which is included in the spend authorization amount being requested.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The contract term is March 27, 2024 through August 31, 2024.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL

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