



Item 9-F

MEMORANDUM
Office of the Chief Information Officer

To: Dr. Ponce and the Board of Trustees

From: Caleb Hogue

Date: January 27, 2025

Re: Consideration for the ratification of a purchase issued to Waypoint Solutions for VMWare Licenses through the DIR Cooperative.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

The Board is asked to ratify a purchase issued to Waypoint Solutions for VMWare Licenses through the DIR Cooperative.



Purchase Ratification

Description: Consideration for the ratification of purchases issued to Waypoint Solutions for VMWare Licenses through the DIR Cooperative.

Recommendation: The Board is asked to ratify a purchase issued to Waypoint Solutions for VMWare Licenses through the DIR Cooperative.

Temple College purchased a set of 10 servers in 2021 to replace our outdated server hardware. These servers provide almost all technology resources required for the college to operate, from our Ellucian College Student Information System and Enterprise Resource Planning system, to resources that allow students and staff to log on to any computer using the same username and password, and providing the power and storage needed to run the college's security systems. All of these services across the campuses rely on the operation of these 10 servers and the software that manages them.

As part of the server package, VMWare vSphere was purchased as the management platform with a three-year license that expired in July 2024. During that time, VMWare was purchased by Broadcom, a large chip manufacturer, in November 2023, and changes in the company and software structure delayed the renewal of the software. Waypoint Solutions, a Dell Enterprise Partner, provided renewal quotes in December 2024 with a contract start date of January 15, 2025.

This purchase provides a three-year license and software support agreement for the 10 servers that run our data centers at Temple and Hutto locations. It also covers the requirements for purchasing hardware support for these servers.

The Board of Trustees is asked to ratify purchases to Waypoint Solutions in the amount of \$332,910.60 over a three-year period, with annual payments of \$110,970.20. The contract is offered through The Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) Cooperative agreement number DIR-TSO-4288 and the Carahsoft cooperative. This cooperative meets the College's requirements for competitive solicitations found in Texas Education Code 44. The Board of Trustees is also asked to give authority to the Director of Purchasing to approve the contract and to approve any change orders up to the amount allowed by the Texas Education Code 44.0411.

Funds Available:

☒ Budgeted
☐ Fund Balance
☐ Other:

Approved:

Christina Ponce
President

Date