

Purchase Request #5
Regular Board Meeting April 28, 2020
Ratification of Approval of Additional Funds for
Video Conferencing Systems

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees ratifies approval of the expenditure of additional funds for the purchase of video conferencing systems from Taurus Technologies for the District.

BACKGROUND

Due to cancellation of the March 24, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting, approval was given by the District President to move forward with the purchase of the equipment and supplies under this contract to ensure delivery to the new Wylie and Technical Campuses prior to opening. This contract is used to provide interactive presentation systems, technology solutions, products, and services for new and existing campuses. The cost estimates of the additional video conferencing systems needed for the start up of new District campuses and improvements to other areas District-wide will exceed the approved spend authorization.

Reference number (REF) 4074 was issued to track the volume of spend for video conferencing systems.

Taurus Technologies has various contracts through the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program to provide video conferencing systems, contract numbers 161101, 170306 and 19070 and is in compliance with the competitive procurement requirements set forth in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code, as permitted under Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

These funds will be used to procure and install video conferencing systems and interactive presentation systems for the Wylie Campus, Technical Campus, and other departments throughout the District. Design changes in the plans for the Wylie Campus and the Technical Campus created the need to purchase and install more video conferencing and interactive presentations systems than was originally planned. Audio/visual and video conferencing technology is used to improve communications, aid in presentations, and stream Board meetings in a professional manner.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The Board approved the original contract on August 27, 2019 for a total amount of \$700,000. This purchasing request is for spend authorization for an additional \$3,000,000 which is budgeted in various Department's FY20 operating budget and in the 2017 CIP technology budget. FY2019 annual spend amount was \$142,402. Current FY20 spend amount is \$76,902.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The term of contract is September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

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