

**Purchase Request #8**  
**Regular Board Meeting June 28, 2016**  
**Consideration of Approval to Renew Contract**  
**for Science Lab Equipment and Supplies**

**ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT**

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approve a renewal of the contract for the purchase of science lab equipment and supplies from Carolina Biological, Flinn Scientific, Frey Scientific and Thermo Fisher Scientific for the District's Science Labs.

**BACKGROUND**

Reference Number (REF) 3033, was issued to procure science lab equipment and supplies on behalf of the Math and Natural Sciences department. The Board approved the original contract with Carolina Biological, Flinn Scientific, Frey Scientific and Thermo Fisher Scientific in June 2010.

Carolina Biological, Flinn Scientific and Frey Scientific have a contract through the Texas Local Government Statewide Purchasing Cooperative (Buy Board) cooperative purchasing program, to provide Instructional Materials, Classroom/Teaching Supplies and Equipment, Contract #487-15, and is in compliance with the competitive procurement requirements set forth in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code, as permitted through Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code.

Thermo Fisher Scientific has a contract through US Communities, Contract #C15-JL-12, and is in compliance with the competitive procurement requirements set forth in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code, as permitted through Section 791.011 of the Texas government Code.

**IMPACT OF THIS ACTION**

The items to be purchased are required to support the laboratory curriculum of the District's science courses currently offered.

Purchases will be made to provide equipment and supplies for student use to perform assigned tasks according to course requirements.

**BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)**

The estimated expenditure for this request is \$170,000.00. This expenditure will be funded by the Math and Natural Sciences 2016-2017 operating budget and subsequent year's budget, subject to Board approval.

**MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE**

The term of contract will be July 25, 2016 through August 31, 2017.

**RESOURCE PERSONNEL**

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