



Ector County Independent School District

Action Page

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$50,000

DATE: February 16, 2021

As Required by Board Policy CH (Local), attached is a list of contracts/projects to be awarded by purchase orders once approved. (If no purchase over \$50,000 is attached, the agenda item is retained should a purchase item occur between the agenda posting deadline and the Board meeting). Listed below are the purchase requests that meet this requirement this month.

	VENDOR	SERVICE/ PRODUCT	ESTIMATED CONTRACT PRICE	FUNDING	REQUESTOR
1.	Space Exploration Technologies Corporation dba Space X/Starlink	Sole Source/ Professional Services	\$143,370	Grants from Permian Strategic Partnership, the Moody Foundation and Grow Odessa	Kellie Wilks
2.	Underwood Law Firm	Professional Services	\$150,000	Application fee paid by Chapter 313 applicant	Deborah Ottmers
3.	Culwell Consulting, LLC	Professional Services	\$150,000	Application fee paid by Chapter 313 applicant	Deborah Ottmers

1. SPACE EXPLORATION TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION DBA SPACE X/STARLINK

Space Exploration Technologies Corporation dba Space X/Starlink is considered a Sole Source provider. Space Exploration Technologies Corporation dba Space X/Starlink, a space-based internet system which will deliver high-speed broadband to locations where access has been unreliable, expensive, or completely unavailable. Phase I of the project provided internet service to 45 families in the Pleasant Farms area of South Ector County. As the network capabilities have grown, it will serve an additional 90 rural families in Ector County. The total cost for this project is \$143,370.

2. Underwood Law Firm

Underwood Law firm is a firm based in Lubbock that practices in school law and specializes in Chapter 313 Agreements of the Texas Property Tax Code. Retaining an attorney is necessary to ensure the application to the Texas Comptroller and subsequent revenues to the district will be properly handled. Total estimated costs for three pending projects should not exceed \$150,000 and will be fully funded by the application fee the district receives. Contract approved in 2019 is attached.

3. Culwell Consulting, LLC

Culwell Consulting, LLC is a firm based in Texas that specializes in Chapter 313 Agreements of the Texas Property Tax Code. Retaining a consulting is necessary to ensure the Chapter 313 revenues to the district will be properly calculated and handled. Total estimated costs for three pending projects should not exceed \$150,000 and will be fully funded by the application fee the district receives. Two contracts which will be requested for approval with the Chapter 313 applications are attached.

Administrative Recommendation:
Approval of Purchases over \$50,000