

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of cylinder gas rental services, welding equipment, and supplies from Airgas USA LLC.

BACKGROUND

Airgas USA LLC has provided various gases, equipment, and supplies in support of health science and laboratory science programs since 2011. Until now, the annual spend has remained under the threshold requiring Board approval.

Reference Number (REF) 3794 was issued to track the volume of spend for cylinder gas rental services, welding equipment, and supplies.

Airgas USA LLC has a contract through the E&I cooperative purchasing program, Contract Number CNR01362, to provide cylinder gas rental services, welding equipment, and supplies. The contract is compliant with the competitive procurement requirements outlined 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 new course curriculum for the Technical Campus requires various welding equipment, tools, hardware, and cylinder rental gasses to outfit newly constructed lab spaces along with the current health science and laboratory science programs.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

This purchasing request is for spend authorization of \$450,000, which is budgeted in the various departments' FY21 operating budget.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The contract term is one year, beginning September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL

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