



# Ector County Independent School District

## Action Page

**TO:** Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Deborah Ottmers, Chief Financial Officer  
**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$50,000  
**DATE:** November 17, 2020

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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.

	<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>SERVICE/ PRODUCT</b>	<b>ESTIMATED CONTRACT PRICE</b>	<b>FUNDING</b>	<b>REQUESTOR</b>
1.	Irwin Consulting, LLC dba Thru	Sole Source/ Professional Services	\$58,000	Local Funds	Kellie Wilks
2.	Space Exploration Technologies Corporation dba Space X/Starlink	Sole Source/ Professional Services	\$72,855	Local Funds	Kellie Wilks

**1. IRWIN CONSULTING, LLC DBA THRU**

Irwin Consulting, LLC dba Thru is considered a Sole Source provider. Irwin Consulting, LLC dba Thru is recommended to partner with the District in providing home broadband connectivity. The total proposal for the project is \$58,000.

**2. 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 will provide internet service to 45 families in the Pleasant Farms area of South Ector County. The school district will identify the families and facilitate delivery of the necessary equipment to those homes. The service will be active early in 2021. As the network capabilities continue to grow, it will expand to serve an additional 90 Ector County families, overall the scope of work will include expanding up to 135 families. The total proposal for Phase I of the project is \$72,855.

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