



Item 9-E

MEMORANDUM
Office of the Chief Information Officer

To: Dr. Ponce and the Board of Trustees

From: Caleb Hogue

Date: January 27, 2025

Re: Consideration for the ratification of a purchase issued to Wahsega Labs, LLC for Emergency Management and Intercoms through the TIPS Cooperative.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

The Board is asked to ratify a purchase issued to Wahsega Labs, LLC for Emergency Management and Intercoms through the TIPS Cooperative.



Purchase Ratification

Description: Consideration for the ratification of purchases issued to Wahsega Labs, LLC for Emergency Management and Intercoms through the TIPS Cooperative.

Recommendation: The Board is asked to ratify a purchase issued to Wahsega Labs, LLC for Emergency Management and Intercoms through the TIPS Cooperative.

As part of the new building projects, the Information Technology Services Department is tasked with installing all classroom and office technologies. This purchase helps to provide the Owner-Furnished, Owner-Installed (OFOI) technologies for the Visual Arts/Workforce building project, as well as retrofitting the Academic Center and Watson Technical Center.

Wahsega Labs is a manufacturer of network-based building management systems, including a fully Digital PA System, intercoms, LED Digital Signage, and panic alarms. After working with many vendors and attending demonstration sessions for many different products, Wahsega was chosen as a preferred source due to its easy expandability, low reoccurring costs, and ease of use to provide panic alarms in every classroom and meeting space. This will also provide a digital clock in each classroom and hallway that can scroll with text, providing instructions on what students and staff should do in a lockdown or shelter-in-place situation.

This purchase includes the equipment needed to install the system in the Visual Arts/Workforce building and replace the existing intercoms in the Academic Center and Watson Technical Centers, as well as five years of service and support. The goal is to continue installing this system in all buildings and all campuses, providing an easy way for faculty, staff, and students to get help when needed.

The Board of Trustees is asked to ratify purchases to Wahsega Labs, LLC in the amount of \$103,711.14. The contract is offered through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Cooperative, contract 230105. This cooperative meets the College's requirements for competitive solicitations found in Texas Education Code 44. The Board of Trustees is also asked to give authority to the Director of Purchasing to approve the contract and to approve any change orders up to the amount allowed by the Texas Education Code 44.0411.

Funds Available:

☒ Budgeted (\$53,310.04)

☐ Fund Balance

☒ Other: Fund 62 (Bond Projects, \$51,397.76)

Approved:



Christina Ponce
President

Date