

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves the expenditure of additional funds for the purchase of manikins and warranties from Gaumard Scientific Company for the Health Science Department.

BACKGROUND

The Respiratory Care Program aims to elevate our students' hands-on learning, especially in caring for infants and pediatric patients. To support this mission, we want to acquire an Advanced Newborn Simulator, which includes accessories, software, installation services, and a one-year limited warranty.

Reference Number SCON-101084 was issued to track the contract spend for Gaumard Scientific Company. Gaumard Scientific Company has a BuyBoard cooperative purchasing program contract to provide manikins and warranties, Contract Number 704-23. The contract complies with the competitive procurement requirements outlined in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code, as permitted under Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

The acquisition of the Advanced Newborn Simulator will significantly benefit the Respiratory Care program and students. The simulator's realistic design allows students to enhance their clinical skills in a controlled environment, building confidence and competence. It offers unique training opportunities aligned with current clinical practices, ensuring students are well-prepared for their careers.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The Board has approved a total spend authorization of \$230,000. This purchasing request is for spend authorization for an additional \$100,000. The funds for maintenance and warranties of the manikins are budgeted in the Health Science Department's FY25 operating budget, and a Carl Perkins Basic Respiratory Care grant is being used to fund the Advanced Newborn Simulator. The current contract spend is \$212,845.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The contract term is September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

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