

## **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT**

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves the contract for technology equipment, hardware, software, services, and support from CDW Government Inc. for the Technology Department.

## **BACKGROUND**

CDW Government Inc. offers a range of hardware and software products, along with related services and support, to the District. It was originally anticipated that annual contract spend would not exceed \$100,000; however, the planned purchase of Varonis software for data classification and email phishing detection will cause annual spend to exceed \$100,000.

Reference Number (SCON-101331) was issued to track contract spend for CDW Government Inc. CDW Government Inc. has contracts through the Omnia Partners, E&I Cooperative Services, and Texas Department of Information Resources cooperative purchasing programs to provide technology equipment, hardware, software, services, and support (Contract Nos. R220801, CNR01439, and DIR-CPO-5093). These contracts comply with the competitive procurement requirements outlined in Texas Education Code §44.031, as permitted through Texas Government Code §791.011.

## **IMPACT OF THIS ACTION**

Adding Varonis data classification software will enable rapid discovery and classification of data to ensure protected information is labeled accurately. This supports automated enforcement policies to reduce risk and limit exposure of sensitive and confidential student and employee data. To address increasingly sophisticated email phishing and social engineering attempts, an additional Varonis component will also be purchased to automate detection and remediation.

## **BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)**

- Total Authorization Requested: \$315,000
- Funding Source: Technology Department's FY26 operating budgets
- Current Contract Spend: \$27,910

## **MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE**

The contract term is September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026.

## **RESOURCE PERSONNEL**

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