



MEMORANDUM
Office of the Chief Information Officer

To: Dr. Ponce and the Board of Trustees

From: Caleb Hogue

Date: March 17, 2025

Re: Consideration for approving a purchase issued to Columbia Adivsory Group for security assessments through the TIPS Cooperative.

Staff Recommendation: Approval

The Board is asked to approve a purchase issued to Columbia Adivsory Group for security assessments through the TIPS Cooperative.



Purchase Approval

Description: Consideration for approving a purchase issued to Columbia Advisory Group for security assessments through the TIPS Cooperative

Recommendation: The Board is asked to approve a purchase issued to Columbia Advisory Group for security assessments through the TIPS Cooperative.

The Temple College Information Technology Services Department is tasked with maintaining compliance with state and federal regulations on community college security programs. The college must comply with Texas Administrative Code 202, the Texas Cybersecurity Framework, NIST 800-53 Revision 5, and the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. Since our last control assessment in 2020, the college has significantly improved all controls and is prepared to measure our progress through a fresh security assessment.

Columbia Advisory Group would perform a cybersecurity framework assessment, including policy review, security controls audit, and security plan audit, and provide recommendations for remediation to bring Temple College up to the standards required by NIST, TAC 202, and the GLBA. Columbia Advisory Group would also perform a full vulnerability assessment of the college from both internal and external perspectives and provide guidance on configuration changes to reduce the college's risk.

Columbia Advisory Group was chosen due to their previous experience with the college, and through the recommendation of other community college Information Security Officers.

The Board of Trustees is asked to approve a contract to Columbia Advisory Group in the amount of \$44,900. The contract is offered through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) cooperative, contract 220105. 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

☐ Fund Balance

☐ Other:

Approved:

Christina Ponce

Date

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President