

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT**

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves the expenditure of additional funds for the purchase of Cisco equipment and maintenance from CMS Communications for the District.

### **BACKGROUND**

Collin College utilizes Cisco hardware, services, and support for all its technology infrastructure. The District previously purchased the Cisco equipment and maintenance from another provider, but the other provider's DIR contract was not renewed. CMS Communications is an authorized reseller of Cisco goods and services.

Reference Number SCON-101016 was issued to track the contract spend for Cisco equipment and maintenance from CMS Communications. CMS Communications has a contract through the TIPS cooperative contracts program to provide telephone and communication data systems and solutions, Contract Number 240303. 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**

CMS Communications provides Cisco hardware, software, and associated support facilitating effective District communication. Approval of the additional funds will allow the service to continue without disruption.

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

The Board has approved a total spend authorization of \$300,000. This purchasing request is for spend authorization for an additional \$450,000, which is budgeted in the Technology Services Department's FY25 operating budget. Current contract spend is \$253,460.

### **MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE**

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

### **RESOURCE PERSONNEL**

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