

Purchase Request #1
Regular Board Meeting May 26, 2020
Consideration of Approval to Contract for
Cisco Networking Academy® Discount Program

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves a contract to purchase equipment from The Cisco Networking Academy® Discount Program from Connection, Inc.

BACKGROUND

The Cisco Networking Academy® Equipment Discount Program enables participating member academies to purchase equipment that supports the delivery and hands-on learning aspects of Cisco CCNA Routing and Switching®, CCNA Security®, CCNP®, and Networking Essentials Networking Academy courses at reduced prices.

Reference (REF) Number 4233, has been issued to track the volume of spend for The Cisco Networking Academy.

Connection, Inc. has a contract through the National IPA cooperative purchasing program, contract number R160202, which 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

Purchases from the Networking Academy include Cisco Wireless Routers, interface cards, cables, network switches, network firewalls, security licenses, and Smartnet warranty support. Only Academies currently offering CCNA, CCNA Security, CCNP, or Networking Essentials are eligible for the Networking Academy Promotional Discount.

This contract will be used to procure equipment and supplies related to The Cisco Networking Academy that will be offered at the Wylie and Technical campuses.

\$68,188.44 – Technical Campus

\$34,094.22 – Wylie Campus

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

This purchasing request is for spend authorization of \$110,000, which is budgeted in the 2017 CIP Fixtures Furniture and Equipment budget.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The term of the contract will be June 1, 2020, through August 31, 2020

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