

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves a contract to purchase training services for the Center for Workforce and Economic Development (CWED) from the following vendors: Educated Business Resource Corp (EBRC), Herrington Publishing, R & B Vocational Training, and SimiDigi, Inc.

BACKGROUND

CWED provides contract training and individualized courses in key industry areas requiring content experts and a proven curriculum that must be developed quickly and dynamically to meet the rate of business change. There is an ongoing need to partner with third-party vendors to meet this critical business and industry need. These vendors provide curricular training and support in various areas, including online learning, technical training, language development, and specialized career training in a myriad of industries.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Number 4441 was issued to procure training services. Eleven (11) responses were received and evaluated by a team consisting of CWED staff. The proposals submitted by the above vendors are being recommended as the best value to the District, based upon evaluation scores.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

Third-party vendors allow the CWED to provide seamless, affordable, and timely contract training for our corporate partners and career development training for individuals throughout Collin County. The budgeted amounts allow the CWED to schedule courses and training in ways that allow the District to earn a return on investment.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

This purchasing request is for spend authorization of \$2,500,000 for five (5) years, which is budgeted in the CWED departments' FY22 operating budget and subsequent years' budgets, subject to Board approval.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The contract term will be for five (5) years beginning August 25, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL

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