

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT**

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves a contract for the purchase of fiber optic WAN maintenance and support from Capco Telecom LLC for the District.

### **BACKGROUND**

Capco Communications originally installed the District's WAN in 2001 and has serviced and maintained the infrastructure since then, including relocating fiber when needed due to construction.

A Request For Proposal Number 4449 was issued to procure fiber optic WAN maintenance and support for the District. It was originally anticipated that the annual contract spend would not exceed \$100,000, but road construction in McKinney and Allen required the fiber optic to be relocated and caused the annual spend to exceed \$100,000.

### **IMPACT OF THIS ACTION**

A private fiber network helps reduce operational costs while providing high redundancy and service to all District campuses and the internet. This maintenance agreement ensures timely repairs to accidental damage, ensuring consistent connectivity for the District.

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

This purchasing request is for spend authorization of \$600,000 for five years, which is budgeted in the IT Department's FY25 operating budget and subsequent years' budgets, subject to Board approval. The current contract spend is \$317,000.

### **MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE**

The contract term is August 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026.

### **RESOURCE PERSONNEL**

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