

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves the expenditure of additional funds to purchase video conferencing systems from Taurus Technologies for the district.

BACKGROUND

This contract provides video conferencing systems, technology solutions, products, and services for new and existing campuses.

Reference Contract Number SCON-100110 was issued to track the volume of spend for video conferencing systems. Taurus Technologies has a contract through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) cooperative contracts program to provide technology solutions products and services, Contract Number 210101. This 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

These additional funds are needed to purchase and install video conferencing systems and interactive presentation systems at the various campuses throughout the district. Audio/visual and video conferencing technology enhances instruction, improves communications, and aids in professional presentations and streaming of board meetings.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The Board has approved a total spend authorization of \$3,000,000. This purchasing request is for spend authorization for an additional \$2,000,000, which is budgeted in various departments' FY22 operating budgets, the 2017 CIP technology budget, and CARES Act funds.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The contract term is September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

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