



Wharton County Junior College

Proposed Agenda Item Board of Trustees Meeting

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Date of Board Meeting: August 21, 2018 Date of This Proposal: July 30, 2018

SUBJECT:

Approve the 2nd year of a 5 year extension agreement with Blackboard, Inc. to provide a Managed Hosting Solution and course delivery for their on-line learning management software used by the College to support our on-line classes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2nd year of a 5 year extension agreement with Blackboard, Inc. to provide a Managed Hosting Solution and course delivery for their on-line learning management software used by the College to support our on-line classes at a cost of \$85,000.00 for 2019.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

Blackboard, Inc. is currently hosting the College's critical online courses and programs in a redundant and secure cloud-based environment. Blackboard, Inc. also manages all aspects of server hardware, backups, and operating system administration. The current agreement started 9-1-17 and runs through 8-31-2022. The cost of the initial year was \$145,000.00. This is year two, and the cost is \$85,000.00. This 5 year agreement represents a savings of \$101,000.00 to the College over a year by year agreement and was purchased under the Choice Partners cooperative. Purchases made under Choice Contract # 17/026KH-08 satisfy all State of Texas bid requirements.

Estimated Cost & Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): \$85,000.00

Current Unrestricted Operating Budget for 2018 - 2019

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:

Bryce D. Kocian, Vice President of Administrative Services
Leigh Ann Collins, Vice President of Instruction
Michele Betancourt, Director of Distance Learning
Philip Wuthrich, Director of Purchasing

SIGNATURES:

Originator

Cabinet-Level Supervisor

Date

Date

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:

Date