



Date of Board Meeting: July 15, 2025

Subject: Solicit Proposals for Grounds Maintenance Services – Information Item

Recommendation: Approve the solicitation of proposals for grounds/landscaping companies to provide grounds maintenance/upkeep services on the Wharton Campus

Background and Rationale:

Wharton County Junior College currently performs grounds maintenance at the Wharton campus using in-house staff and equipment. At present, 3 of 5 grounds positions are vacant, which has placed additional strain on operations and limited the College's ability to fully meet maintenance needs.

Soliciting proposals for contracted grounds maintenance services would allow the College to explore opportunities for cost savings and operational efficiencies. These savings would include avoiding costs associated with recruiting, hiring, and retaining additional full-time staff, as well as eliminating the ongoing expense of maintaining and replacing grounds equipment. Additionally, contracting these services would reduce the need for future capital outlay for equipment upgrades and replacements that are becoming increasingly necessary.

The administration seeks Board approval to solicit proposals from qualified firms to provide comprehensive grounds maintenance services for the Wharton campus. The solicitation process will comply with all applicable procurement laws and College policies to ensure a competitive and transparent selection.

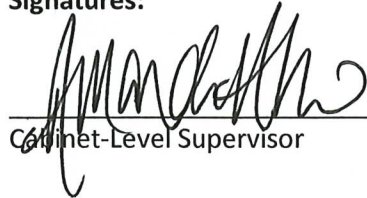
Cost and Budgetary Support: Estimated \$200,000 included in the FY2026 operating budget.

Strategic Priority Alignment:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Resource Optimization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Institutional Excellence

Resource Person(s): Dr. Amanda Allen, Executive Vice President

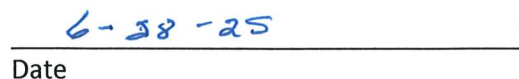
Signatures:


Cabinet-Level Supervisor


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President's Approval:


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