

**Date of Board Meeting:** September 16, 2025

**Subject:** Authorize RFQ Process for Potential Bay City Campus Training Facility

**Recommendation:** Authorize the College to use the design-build method, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2269, Subchapter G, and solicit Requests for Qualifications from design-build firms for a potential training facility on the Bay City Campus.

**Background and Rationale:**

Wharton County Junior College has received a total of \$9 million in special appropriations from the Texas Legislature to support workforce program expansion. Because existing facilities are already committed to other programs, the College is restricted in our ability to expand into emerging fields. At this stage, WCJC needs to consider the option of adding a new facility in order to fully evaluate how best to meet the College's future training needs in Bay City. A new facility would allow the College to:

- Right-size the existing Nuclear Power Technology program;
- Expand into emerging nuclear fields, including Nuclear Cybersecurity and Radiation Protection;
- Add High-Voltage Electricity programming to create synergy between Nuclear and Construction Trades;
- Advance state and regional workforce priorities in nuclear energy, infrastructure, and short-term training.

The design-build delivery method offers WCJC significant value by streamlining planning processes, allowing for integration of design and construction expertise, and ensuring that architectural and preconstruction services are aligned with budgetary goals.

At this stage, the College seeks only to solicit qualifications. This process will allow WCJC to evaluate design-build firms and obtain conceptual approaches without obligating the College to construction or costs. The WCJC Board Facilities Committee will consider the submissions and determine whether to recommend moving forward with a contract to the full Board.

**Budgetary Implications:** N/A

**Strategic Priority Alignment:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Student Success	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Impact
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource Optimization	<input type="checkbox"/> Institutional Excellence

**Resource Personnel:** Amanda A. Allen, Ed.D., President

**Approval:**

  
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