



Wharton County Junior College

Proposed Agenda Item Board of Trustees Meeting

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Date of Board Meeting: July 20, 2021 Date of This Proposal: July 8, 2021

SUBJECT:

Approve the purchase and installation of 25 combination drinking fountain / bottle filling stations for the Wharton and Richmond campuses from Gowan, Inc. at a cost of \$78,535.00 with funds from the ARP Grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the purchase and installation of 25 combination drinking fountain / bottle filling stations for the Wharton and Richmond campuses using a Choice Partners Cooperative contract from Gowan, Inc. at a cost of \$78,535.00 with funds from the ARP Grant.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

One of the items that kept coming up during the pandemic was the public water fountains in the buildings being taped off. Guidelines obviously prohibited use of these public drinking fountains, and the College simply taped over them to prevent their use. Now that we are returning to a "new normal", people have asked about these drinking fountains. Are they safe? Can they be used again? One thing that has come up is a company that transforms these drinking fountains into cold water bottle filling stations. More people seem to be carrying their own personal drinking bottles, and this solution helps facilitate a hands free drinking fountain for public use. The Federal ARP Grant allows for the upgrading of structures to reduce the spreading of germs in public buildings. Gowan, Inc has a Choice Partners Cooperative Contract (18/060JN-11). Use of that contract satisfies all State and Code of Federal Regulations 200.318(e) bid requirements.


Estimated Cost & Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): \$78,535.00

ARP Grant Funding

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

Bryce D. Kocian, Vice President of Administrative Services
Dr. Amanda Allen, Vice President of Planning, Institutional Effectiveness, and Institutional Research
Mike Feyen, Director of Facilities
Philip Wuthrich, Director of Purchasing

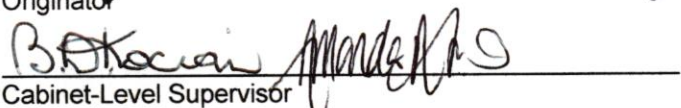
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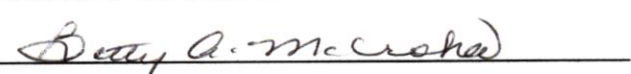


Cabinet-Level Supervisor

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PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:



Date

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