

Hallsville Independent School District

For the Consideration of the Board of Trustees

Date of Board Meeting: June 19, 2025

Agenda Item#: _____

Topic: Approval of over \$50000 Vendor - Texas College Bridge

Background and Rationale:

This agenda item has been prepared for the consideration and approval of a vendor for services, as detailed below:

Texas College Bridge's innovative online platform is designed to help high school students become college-ready in English and math. This initiative aims to support our students—particularly those who have not met college readiness benchmarks—by providing them with a self-paced resource that strengthens academic skills and offers potential exemptions from college placement testing.

Texas College Bridge offers a proven, cost-effective tool to support our students' transition to college. By adopting this platform, we will not only empower students to succeed academically but also strengthen our school's commitment to college and career readiness.

Funding Source: Title 1

Relationship to Strategic Plan:

Personnel Affected:

Budget Implications:

☒ Include in this year's budget

☐ Amendment of this year's budget required

☐ Increase in this year's budget required

☐ Expenditures required for next year's budget

☐ N/A

Recommendation: TVAHS recommends the approval of the purchase of Texas College Bridge courses at a total cost of \$53,023.16. TVAHS has used Texas College Bridge programming for over three years to help students become college ready.

A. Whittle

Signature
(Person Bringing Information to the Board)

John M. [unclear]

Superintendent's Signature

College Prep Courses

	#1	#2	#3
Provider:	<u>Texas College Bridge</u>	<u>UT High School</u>	<u>Kilgore College</u>
Courses:	English College Prep Math College Prep	Math College Prep A ONLY	English College Prep Math College Prep
Other Notes:	Additional Resources and Supports	Independent Study	Independent Study
TSI Costs per Student	\$0 Exempt from TSI if successful completion of both courses.	\$54 The TSI fee is \$15 per section or \$29.00 for two sections plus an additional \$25.00 reservation fee.	\$54 The TSI fee is \$15 per section or \$29.00 for two sections plus an additional \$25.00 reservation fee.
CCMR Points:	Automatic point if both courses are passed at 90%.	Must pass both parts of TSI.	Must pass both parts of TSI.
Cost per Student:	\$11.31	\$260+TSI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semester Course: \$260 Additional Fees 	HS Student: free materials + TSI If a student was in Kilgore College's taxing district the price would be \$270 and out of district would be \$507.

TVAH recommends the approval of the purchase of Texas College Bridge courses at a total cost of \$53,023.16. TVAH has used Texas College Bridge programming for over three years to help students become college ready.

The NROC Project
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FEIN: 57-1186598



This invoice is prepared for:

Hallsville ISD - Texas Virtual Academy at Hallsville

INVOICE #: 202504-0001584

Invoice Date: 05/15/2025

Attn: Diane Hicks
311 Willow Street
Hallsville, TX 75650-0810
Phone: (903) 668-5990

Product Name	Description	Price	Discount (if applicable)	Total Cost
Texas College Bridge (TCB) 2025-26	Institutional rights of use to TCB for juniors and seniors as detailed in the Texas College Bridge Participation, Data Sharing & Requirements Agreement. The term for this invoice is 8/4/25 through 7/24/26.	\$53,023.16		\$53,023.16
Total Cost				\$53,023.16

Initial Payment: \$53,023.16

Tax (if applicable): \$0.00

Total Amount Due on 4/3/2025: \$53,023.16

Service Area: Enrolled 11th and 12th graders, faculty, and staff of Hallsville ISD.

Special Terms (if applicable): All program participants must submit their payment by July 12 in order for students to begin work on August 4 when we go live for the 2025-26 school year.

Our preferred payment method is ACH:

Bank Account #: 325132969781

ACH Routing/Transit #: 121000358

Payment of the invoice constitutes acceptance of the attached agreement and terms of use.

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According to the **Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board**, Kilgore College has one of the lowest costs per credit hour of any college or university in Texas.

With the state **Core Curriculum**, courses successfully completed at Kilgore College are guaranteed to transfer to Texas public universities.

Payment of tuition and fees entitles the student to: admission to classes, copies of transcripts, a subscription to the college newspaper, use of the Student Center facilities, campus health services, and the use of the recreational facilities for students taking eight hours or more. The college reserves the right to change tuition and fees in keeping with the acts of the Texas Legislature and the KC Board of Trustees.

FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE×

Fees are subject to change. Chart does not include certain special course fees. See Course Descriptions. View the current College Catalog for any updates or revisions. Course-related fees may apply.

In-District Student (per semester)

Tuition	\$53 per semester hour
General Education Fee	\$37 per semester hour
TOTAL	\$90 per semester hour



Out-of-District Student (per semester)

Tuition	\$53 per semester hour
Out-of-District Fee	\$79 per semester hour
General Education Fee	\$37 per semester hour
TOTAL	\$169 per semester hour



Hallsville Independent School District Determination of Cost or Price Analysis (Reasonableness)

Purpose: Federal regulations require documentation of cost analysis or price analysis for every procurement action at or above \$50,000 (see 2 C.F.R. § 200.323). The Determination of Cost or Price Reasonableness form is used to document the analysis showing that the offered price is fair and reasonable. The form is kept as part of the procurement file to demonstrate that the procurement process was conducted in an open and fair manner and that the District received the most advantageous price.

Instructions:

1. Complete a separate Determination of Cost or Price Reasonableness form for each vendor being recommended for contract award. Complete all applicable sections according to the instructions given. An incomplete Determination of Cost or Price Reasonableness form cannot be approved.
 2. Provide a detailed discussion of your price analysis or cost analysis. A Determination of Cost or Price Reasonableness form that lacks sufficient detail cannot be approved.
 3. Sign in blue ink and date the form.
 4. Maintain a copy on the grant file subject to retention schedules
 5. Submit completed form to the **INSERT TITLE** prior to contract award.
- An improperly completed and/or unsigned form will be returned.*

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Department: Texas Virtual Academy at Hallsville

Subject: Determination of Cost or Price Reasonableness

Good or service to be acquired:

Texas College Bridge, College Prep English and math courses

[Procurement Type, e.g., RFP, RFQ] #: Awarded Vendor, Buyboard Co-op, \$53,023.16, Title I

Independent Estimate Produced before Receiving Bids or Proposals: ☐ Yes (attach supporting document(s))

Vendor: Texas College Bridge

Amount: \$53,023.16

(Attach written quotation or other information that documents the estimate of cost or price reasonableness)

(As necessary include unit costs, rates, schedules, price estimates, and budgets, etc.)

I. Procurement Type

This expenditure of \$250,000 or more is being made under one or more of the following (check those that apply and attach supporting documentation):

For items A – C, please complete Section II (Price Analysis)

- A. ☒ Interlocal agreement or purchasing cooperative (TEC 44.031(a)(4) / Tex. Gov't Code Ch. 791; 2 C.F.R. § 200.318(e)), including construction services
- B. ☐ Request for Proposals (or Competitive Sealed Proposals) for goods or services, including construction services
- C. ☐ Competitive Bidding for goods or services, including construction services

For items D – K, please complete Sections III (Cost Analysis) and IV (Profit)

- D. ☐ Sole source (as defined under TEC 44.031(j))
- E. ☐ Emergency procurement (as defined under TEC 44.031(h))
- F. ☐ Competitive Bidding, Competitive Sealed Proposal, or Request for Proposals (where the solicitation is publically posted) where only one (1) bid/proposal is received
- G. ☐ Professional services (as defined under TEC 44.031(f) and/or Ch. 2254 of the Tex. Gov't Code) where no price competition exists prior to selection
- H. ☐ Design Build; Construction Manager-Agent
- I. ☐ Price adjustment to Purchase Order No. _____ or Contract No. _____ (and already procured under item A – I)
- J. ☐ Extension of an existing contract past its initial term. Contract extension is allowed under procurement method or contract, if allowed by Board policy.
- K. ☐ Cost-reimbursement contract


Note: When using federal funds, Construction Manager-at-Risk or other Cost-Plus contracts are prohibited.

II. Price Analysis: *If the expenditure is being made under items A, B, or C in Section I (Procurement Type) above, complete this Section only. You are not required to complete Sections III or IV.*

Price offered is considered fair and reasonable for the following reason(s), and if applicable, is supported by attached documentation and/or a detailed discussion of the price analysis (select at least one applicable situation):

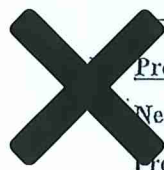
- ☐ Comparison of previous district purchase order and contract prices with current proposed price, for the same or similar items. Both the validity of the comparison and the reasonableness of the previous price(s) have been established. *Attach the referenced purchase orders/contracts, amounts, issuance dates, and how they are similar to the current purchase.*
- ☐ Comparison with Vendor's published price lists, market prices, pricing indexes, and discount or rebate arrangements. *Attach published price list or other published pricing information used (a vendor's quotation or correspondence does not qualify as a published price list).*
- ☐ Comparison of proposed price with independent estimates, which were determined to be allowable under 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E—Cost Principles. *Attach estimates used.*
- ☒ Comparison of proposed price with prices obtained through market research for the same or similar items. *Attach documentation of research conducted.*
- ☐ The order is priced in accordance with existing HISD Purchase Order No. _____ and/or HISD Contract No. _____, which was competitively established.

- ☐ Other reason (specify and attach supporting documentation if applicable):
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 **Cost Analysis:** If you selected D–K in Section I (Procurement Type), complete this Section and attach a detailed breakdown of the vendor's proposed costs (e.g., labor, materials, profit, reimbursable expenses).

For analyzing and verifying vendor's cost information, it is determined that each of the cost items listed by the vendor is allocable, reasonable, necessary, and therefore, allowable in accordance with 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E—Cost Principles for the following reason(s) (select at least one applicable situation and attach supporting documentation and/or a detailed discussion of the cost analysis):

- ☐ Comparison of costs proposed with actual costs previously incurred by the same vendor for the same or similar work.
 - ☐ Comparison of costs proposed with actual costs of previous same or similar work performed by other vendors.
 - ☐ Comparison of costs proposed with previous cost estimates from the vendor or other vendors for the same or similar items or work.
 - ☐ Comparison of costs proposed with the District's independent estimate, which was determined to be allowable under 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E—Cost Principles. *Attach independent estimate.*
 - ☐ Comparison of costs proposed with the methods proposed by vendor with the requirements of the solicitation, i.e., *do the costs reflect the technical approach proposed and the work required?*
 - ☐ Verification that the costs proposed conforms to the appropriate set of cost principles.
 - ☐ Verification of the accuracy of the cost and pricing information submitted and evaluating the application of audited or pre-negotiated (e.g., by the Federal Government) indirect cost (e.g., overhead) rates, labor and fringe benefit rates, or other factors.
 - ☐ Verification of the accuracy of cost and pricing information proposed and evaluation of the effect of vendor's current practices on future costs.
 - ☐ Verification of the accuracy of the cost and pricing information submitted and evaluation of vendor's projected cost trends.
 - ☐ Other reason (specify and attach supporting documentation if applicable):
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 **Profit:** If you selected D – K in Section I (Procurement Type), complete this Section.

Negotiated profit amount (attach supporting documentation):

Profit negotiated is considered fair and reasonable for the following reasons, and is supported by attached documentation and/or a detailed discussion of the cost or price analysis (you must complete each item below and explain reasoning; attach additional pages and/or supporting documents if necessary):

- ☐ Consideration of the complexity of the work to be performed.
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☐ Consideration of the risk borne by the contractor.

☐ Consideration of the contractor's investment.

☐ Consideration of the amount of subcontracting.

☐ Consideration of the quality of contractor's record of past performance.

☐ Consideration of industry profit rates in the surrounding geographical area for similar work.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that I have determined that the costs or price offered or the fee negotiated are necessary, fair, and reasonable.

Erin Jones

Full Name of Individual Preparing Form

Erin C. Jones

Signature

May 16, 2025

Date

APPROVED:

Amy Whittle

Level One: Printed Name and Title of End User

Amy Whittle

Signature of End User

6-5-25

Date

John Martin

Level Two: Superintendent

Signature of Superintendent

Date

Mary M. Brown

Level Three: CFO

Signature of CFO

Date

Program Costs

Although UT High School is a public school, we don't receive any state funding for student attendance, so we must charge a fee for services.

- Semester Course: \$260 (Art and Spanish = \$275 with integrated online textbooks)
- Course 30-Day Extension Fee: \$55
- Expedited Shipping for Exams: \$30
- Rush Grading Fee for Exams: \$50
- Exam Inquiry Fee: \$50
- Exam Change Requests: \$25
 - These include requests to change proctor, testing site, exam subject or grade level, or exam type from online to print or vice versa.

Students in the **Independent Learning Program** pay as they enroll in each course or request a particular service.

The **UTHS Diploma Program** [tuition deadlines](#) are updated annually to align to the UTHS Calendar for the fall, spring, and summer semesters.



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