

**Purchase Request #3**  
**Regular Board Meeting January 24, 2017**  
**Consideration of Approval of Contract for Virtual Servers**

**ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT**

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approve a contract to procure virtual servers from EST Group for the District.

**BACKGROUND**

This purchase is to provide a virtual desktop implementation for the Courtyard Campus. This will provide desktop applications and services for students, faculty and staff for the entire campus.

Reference (REF) Number 4045 has been issued in order to track the volume of spend for virtual servers procured on behalf of the District.

EST Group has a contract through General Services Administration (GSA), Contract Number GS-35F-070CA, and is in compliance with the competitive procurement requirements set forth in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code, as permitted through Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code.

**IMPACT OF THIS ACTION**

Virtual desktops provide a constant desktop experience while reducing administrative and technical support. Virtual desktops also provide better protection against viruses and hacking, upgraded software and applications at any time and provide remote assistance when needed.

**BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)**

The estimated annual expenditure for this request is \$120,000.00. This expenditure will be funded by Academic Technology and Network Services 2016-2017 operating budget and subsequent year's budgets, subject to Board approval.

**MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE**

The initial contract term is February 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017.

**RESOURCE PERSONNEL**

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