

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT**

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves additional funds to purchase Training Systems Distributor Industrial Training Equipment and Curriculum for advanced manufacturing, industrial maintenance, mechatronics, welding, renewable energy, and engineering from Technical Laboratory Systems for the District.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Industrial Automation department purchases Amatrol based training equipment from Technical Laboratory Systems and needs to add to their training system for the programs at the Technical Campus. This supplier also provides additional training systems and equipment for the Welding, Automotive, and Collision programs.

Reference (REF) Number 4337 has been issued to track the volume of spend for industrial training equipment and curriculum. Technical Laboratory Systems has a contract through the Choice Partners cooperative purchasing program to provide industrial training equipment and curriculum for advanced manufacturing, industrial maintenance, mechatronics, welding, renewable energy, and engineering, Contract number 18/056KD-61. The contract complies with the competitive procurement requirements outlined in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code, as permitted through Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code.

### **IMPACT OF THIS ACTION**

The additional funds requested will allow the welding program to purchase equipment needed to add robotic welding training and refrigeration training to the program.

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

The Board has approved a total spend authorization of \$200,000. This purchasing request is for spend authorization for an additional \$ 100,000, which is budgeted in the Industrial Automation, Welding and Automotive and Collision Department's FY21 operating budget and subsequent year's budgets subject to Board approval.

### **MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE**

The contract term is January 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021.

### **RESOURCE PERSONNEL**

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