

Purchase Request #4
Regular Board Meeting April 28, 2020
Ratification of Approval of Additional Funds for
Power Protection Equipment

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees ratify approval of the expenditure of additional funds for the purchase of power protection equipment from Flair Data Inc, Anixter, Inc., and Graybar Electric Company for the District.

BACKGROUND

Due to cancellation of the March 24, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting, approval was given by the District President to move forward with the purchase of the equipment and supplies under this contract to ensure delivery to the new Wylie and Technical Campuses prior to opening. This contract is utilized to purchase data storage, data communications & networking equipment such as power backup and power protection products, racks, cabinets and enclosures. The cost estimates of the additional equipment and supplies needed for the start-up of the Wylie Campus and the Technical Campus exceeds the approved spend authorization.

Reference number (REF) 3069 was issued to track the volume of spend for data storage, data communications, & networking equipment and related services.

Vendors have contracts through various cooperative contracts programs to provide data storage, data communications & networking equipment, and related services and are in compliance with the competitive procurement requirements set forth in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code, as permitted under Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code. Contracts being utilized are Flair Data Inc Systems, DIR-TSO-4354, Anixter, Inc., DIR-TSO-4247 and Graybar Electric Company, US Communities EV2370.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

The additional funds will be used to provide power backup, power protection products, and power protection equipment. This equipment is used to protect primary core switches at each campus, servers and secondary switches throughout the District, and desktop computers in classrooms and offices. These funds will provide the necessary power protection equipment for the Wylie Campus and the Technical Campus. The design changes for Data Closet layouts at the Technical Campus more than doubled the original closet designs which resulted in the need to purchase more power protection equipment to keep the network running smoothly.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The Board approved the original contract on August 27, 2019 for a total amount of \$235,000. This purchasing request is for spend authorization for an additional \$250,000 which is budgeted in various departments' FY 20 operating budget and in the 2017 CIP technology budget.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The term of contract is September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020.

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