

**Purchase Request #1
Regular Board Meeting December 10, 2019
Consideration of Approval to Contract for
Simulation Manikins**

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approve the purchase and repair/maintenance services for simulation manikins from Syndaver Labs for the Health Sciences and Emergency Services Departments.

BACKGROUND

The Syndaver Synthetic Humans are the most sophisticated manikins to facilitate simulated medical experiences for students and provide the most realistic physical representation of human anatomy currently available.

Syndaver is a sole source provider of the simulation manikins and is exempt from competitive bidding per Section 44.031(j) of the Texas Education Code. Reference number 4209 has been issued to track the volume of spend. Tracking of spend volume is accomplished through the Purchasing Department's eProcurement system. The system is set to automatically notify the contract owner when 85% of the approved expenditure is reached, which triggers the contract owner to analyze current and future spend.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

Simulation enhances student learning, success, and retention. The experiences offered to our students would not be possible without the opportunities afforded by these specialized manikins. Maintaining these manikins will ensure a longer useful life.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

This purchasing request is for spend authorization of \$158,000 which is budgeted in the Health Sciences and Emergency Services departments' FY 20 operating budget. FY 19 annual spend amount was \$108,000.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The term of contract will be January 31, 2020 through August 31, 2020.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL

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