### ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of digital commons and selected works from Berkeley Electronic Press to be managed by the Spring Creek Campus Library for use by the District.

## BACKGROUND

Faculty, with the aid of library staff have been investigating a way to provide students, faculty and staff a searchable storage site for the many scholarly and creative works produced at Collin.

Reference (REF) Number 3982, has been issued to track the volume of digital commons and selected works procured on the behalf of the District Libraries.

Library purchases are exempt from competitive bidding per Section 44.031 and 130.0101 of the Texas Education Code.

# **IMPACT OF THIS ACTION**

The digital commons and selected works provided by Berkeley provide a hosted platform to store and publish scholarly and creative works by students, faculty and staff while the District will retain ownership of these works. Images, slide shows, journals, student research, faculty dissertations, student artwork and annual reports can be stored on the Berkeley platform. The digital commons and selected works provided by Berkeley provides a discovery tool for internet searches, the software platform, training and support necessary to showcase the District's presence globally.

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

The estimated three (3) year expenditure is \$98,968.00. This expenditure is funded by Collin College's Innovation Challenge.

## **RESOURCE PERSONNEL**

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