

Denton Independent School District
Security Camera Replacement Project Purchase

April 12, 2022

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval of the quote from Advanced Connections Inc. in the amount of \$457,818.00 for the replacement of the Cisco cameras at various locations throughout the District.

BOARD GOAL:

Growth & Management – Demonstrate effective and efficient management of district resources

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The Board called for the 2018 bond election with the recommendation by the Bond Committee. On May 5, 2018, the bond was approved by the voters of Denton ISD.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The initial Security Camera Replacement project was targeted towards older, non-High Definition (HD) Cisco cameras with new HD cameras from Axis. At the time, the new Salient Video Management System (VMS) that was installed with the new cameras was compatible with the remaining cameras and everything worked together to get the District to an optimal surveillance solution with the least possible cost. The, now, older Cisco HD cameras are not compatible with the latest versions of the VMS which leaves the District with a VMS that has some stability issues, is unable to integrate with our internal authentication system, does not have a much-requested mobile device interface, and is also increasingly a potential cybersecurity vulnerability (however, currently there are no known issues). The only way to address these issues is to replace all the remaining Cisco cameras with the new Axis cameras. While the original budget for this project has been expended, through significant cost savings on several other projects, this project is now possible, in addition to having become a critical need.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

The replacement cameras will be purchased through a Texas Local Governmental Purchasing Cooperative (TIPS). This purchase is being brought for approval in accordance with the District's CH (local) policy.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost will be borne through the 2018 Bond Authorization.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

The approval of this purchase will allow the District to update the Salient VMS Servers for stability, LDAP integration, and the mobile client availability. Any Cybersecurity concerns will also be mitigated.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the quote from Advanced Connections Inc. in the amount of \$457,818.00 for the replacement of the Cisco cameras at various locations throughout the District be approved.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Scott Niven, Deputy Superintendent
Robert Pierce, Chief Technology Officer
Dianna Casper, Director of Purchasing
Graham Walden, Network Infrastructure Architect
Jacob Bishop, Coordinator of Bond Financial Services

ATTACHMENTS:

None

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____