

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves the expenditure of additional funds for the purchase of various computer software from SHI Government Solutions for the District.

BACKGROUND

SHI Government Solutions provides many software applications and solutions throughout our Districtwide network. Examples of the software purchased from SHI are KnowBe4 Security Awareness Training, Tableau, Freshworks Freshservice Enterprise, and VMWARE VSPHERE FOUNDATION 8. Technology Services is investigating switching the procurement of additional software titles, such as Cisco and Oracle, to SHI Government Solutions to obtain a lower cost of ownership for these products.

SHI Government Solutions has contracted through DIR and TIPS cooperative contract programs to provide computer software, DIR-CPO-4875 and TIPS 230105. The contracts comply with the competitive procurement requirements outlined in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code, as permitted under Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

Purchasing this software will allow various computer applications to be utilized districtwide, increasing collaboration and engagement amongst students, faculty, and staff.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The Board has approved a total spend authorization of \$400,000. This purchasing request is for spend authorization for an additional \$350,000, which is budgeted in the IT Department's FY25 operating budget. The current contract spend is \$392,550.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The contract term is August 28, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL

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