

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT**

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves the expenditure of additional funds for the purchase of welding material, supplies, and equipment from Garland Steel Inc., Archie Supply, LLC, Mitchell Welding Supply, LLC, The Lincoln Electric Company, and Continental Carbonic Products for the Welding and HVAC Technical Program departments.

### **BACKGROUND**

Welding and HVAC programs are offered at the Technical Campus. The course curriculum requires the procurement of a variety of consumable products such as welding rods, wires, and tools.

An Invitation to Bid Number FY2024-ITB-024 was issued to procure welding material, supplies, and equipment for the Welding Technical Program Department.

### **IMPACT OF THIS ACTION**

Consumable products, including welding rods, wires, and tools, are required daily to support instruction for welding and HVAC students. Securing these products through a discounted contract will provide cost savings that may be used to offset other program expenses, such as the replacement of worn equipment.

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

- Board Approved Authorization: \$1,200,000
- Additional Authorization Request: \$350,000
- Funding Source: Welding and HVAC Technology departments' FY26 operating budgets
- Current Contract Spend: \$1,113,768

### **MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE**

The contract term is May 29, 2024 through April 30, 2027.

### **RESOURCE PERSONNEL**

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