

**Purchase Request #14**  
**Regular Board Meeting April 28, 2020**  
**Consideration of Approval to Contract for**  
**Video Conferencing Systems and Accessories**

**ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT**

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves the purchase of video conferencing systems from Extron Electronics (Extron) for the District.

**BACKGROUND**

Extron Electronics manufactures many products that benefit the education space and has partnered with Taurus Technologies for many of the District's video conferencing systems. The District is standardizing audio/video systems to the use of Extron products. Extron was chosen due to their ease of operations and user-friendly interfaces. Upgrading and standardizing these systems will provide uniformity and ease of use throughout the District.

Reference number (REF) 4325 was issued to track the volume of spend for video conferencing systems and accessories. Extron Electronics has a contract through the TIPS Cooperative Purchasing Program to provide audio visual equipment, supplies and services, contract number 171001 is in compliance with the competitive procurement requirements set forth in Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code, as permitted under Section 791.011 of the Texas Government Code.

**IMPACT OF THIS ACTION**

The items to be purchased include professional audio-visual products such as classroom projector mounting, speakers, video switching, cabling extension, and control interfaces. Also included are cable cubbies to install in classroom podiums, allowing for power and A-V cabling connections. Collaboration systems for conference rooms will also be provided by Extron and allow for content sharing, annotation, and video conferencing.

This contract will be used to procure and install video conferencing systems and interactive presentation systems for the Wylie and Technical campuses and other departments throughout the District. Audio/visual and video conferencing technology is used to improve communications, aid in presentations, and stream Board meetings in a professional manner.

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

This purchasing request is for spend authorization of \$900,000 which is budgeted in various Department's FY20 operating budgets and in the 2017 CIP technology budget.

Technical Campus (Full Campus and Conference Center) = \$364,477  
Wylie Campus (Includes Active Learning Classroom and Art Classroom) = \$390,257

**MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE**

The term of contract will be May 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020.

**RESOURCE PERSONNEL**

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