

Purchase Request #6
Regular Board Meeting February 25, 2020
Consideration of Approval of Additional Funds for
Banner Software Licenses, Maintenance and Data Implementation Services

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approve the expenditure of additional funds for the purchase of Banner software licenses, maintenance and data implementation services from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and Ellucian Company for the Technology Services department.

BACKGROUND

Ellucian Company provides functional and technical consultation and data implementation services related to the Banner software system. Annual software licenses and maintenance related to the Banner software system are purchased through Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

The District has an inter-agency agreement with Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, an institution of higher education for the State of Texas, for and on behalf of the Texas Connection Consortium and its members to purchase and utilize various professional services from Ellucian Company and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

Reference number (REF) 2553 was issued to track the volume of spend for Banner software licenses, maintenance and data implementation services. Tracking of spend volume is accomplished through the Purchasing Department's eProcurement system. The system is set to automatically notify the contract owner when 85% of the approved expenditure is reached, which triggers the contract owner to analyze current and future spend.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

These funds will be used for licensing and maintenance of software related to the Banner system. The need to purchase job scheduler licenses for Banner, which is a computer application for controlling unattended background program execution of jobs. This cost was an unexpected but necessary purchase due to the move from Solaris to Linux. Funds for this purchase were not originally considered for Board approval. The original request for 2020 was lower than last year because we had taken some software off of the maintenance contract that we no longer used.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The Board approved the original contract August 27, 2019 for a total amount of \$515,000. This purchasing request is for spend authorization for an additional \$85,000 which is budgeted in the Technology Services Department's FY20 operating budget and subsequent year's budgets subject to Board approval. Current FY20 spend amount is \$497,205. Previous FY19 spend amount was \$525,000.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The term of contract is September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020

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