



# Wharton County Junior College

## Proposed Agenda Item Board of Trustees Meeting

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Date of Board Meeting: February 16, 2016      Date of This Proposal: February 2, 2016

**SUBJECT:**

Approve the use of The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) contract with Independent Stationers for the purchase of the College's office supply needs from Reliant Business Products.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the use of The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN) contract with Independent Stationers for the purchase of the College's office supply needs from Reliant Business Products.

**BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

The College's office supplies were priced through the U.S. Communities Co-operative contract that expired on December 31<sup>st</sup> and was not renewed. The College has found a very similar contract under the TCPN cooperative with Independent Stationers. Based on what we currently buy, the pricing might even be slightly better. We are asking the Board to approve the use of the TCPN contract with Independent Stationers for pricing our needed office supplies. The College will continue to use Reliant Business Products, Inc. of Houston as our office supplies vendor. As authorized in the Texas Government code, Title 7, Chapter 791, and again under section 271.102 of the Local Government Code, districts may utilize the contracts from purchasing cooperatives in order provide the best value to the taxpayers of the District. Use of these cooperative contracts satisfy State bid law requirements.

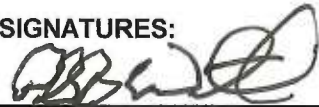
**Estimated Cost & Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?):** Estimated \$130,000.00

Current Operating Budget for 2015 – 2016.

**RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]:**

Bryce D. Kocian, Vice President of Administrative Services  
Philip Wuthrich, Director of Purchasing

**SIGNATURES:**

  
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Originator

2-2-16  
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**PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:**

  
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