



**Wharton County  
Junior College**

**Board of Trustees  
Agenda Item**

Complete and submit this form, along with any supplemental documentation, to the Office of the President by 5:00pm on the seventh day prior to the Board meeting.

**Date of Board Meeting:** March 26, 2024

**Subject:** Approve the proposal submitted by BLS Construction for the renovation of approximately 15,000 SF of building space for the construction trades program.

**Recommendation:** Approve the proposal submitted by BLS Construction for the renovation of approximately 15,000 SF of building space for the construction trades program at a cost not to exceed \$1,148,000.00 with funds from a State of Texas special appropriation.

**Background and Rationale:** Abel Design Group (ADG) was approved to create design and bid specifications to renovate approximately 20,000 SF of space for the new construction trades program in Bay City. The project was broken up into two phases the first phase being approximately 15,000 SF. The college solicited and received 3 proposals for the project. BLS was low bid at \$1,148,000.00. The other two proposals from Builders United and Bass Construction were substantially higher. If approved the college will work with BLS and start the value engineering (VE) phase of the project to see what can be done to reduce the costs.

**Cost and Budgetary Support:** \$1,148,000.00  
State of Texas Special Appropriations.

**Strategic Priority Alignment:**

☐ Student Success

☐ Community Impact

☐ Resource Optimization

☒ Institutional Excellence

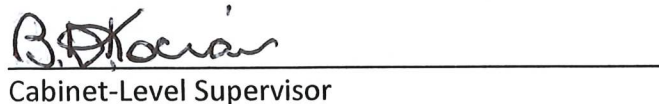
**Resource Person(s):**

Bryce D. Kocian, Vice President of Administrative Services  
Mike Feyen, Advisor to the Director of Facilities Management  
Philip Wuthrich, Director of Purchasing

**Signatures:**

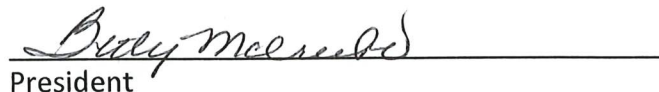
  
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**President's Approval:**

  
President

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