

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approves a contract for welding materials and supplies from Garland Steel Company, Matheson Tri Gas, Midwest Technology Products, Mitchell Welding Supply, and The Lincoln Electric Company for the Welding Technology Program.

BACKGROUND

The Technical Campus began offering welding courses at the beginning of the Fall semester. The course curriculum requires the procurement of a variety of consumable welding products such as welding rods, wires, and tools.

Invitation to Bid (ITB) Number 4433 was issued to procure welding materials and supplies. Five responses were received and evaluated by a Purchasing Department team who determined that awarding to all of the above vendors would provide the best value to the District.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

Consumable welding products such as welding rods, wires, and tools are needed daily to teach welding students. Contracting for these products at a discounted rate will provide greater cost savings, which can be applied to offset other expenses, such as replacing worn out equipment.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

This purchasing request is for spend authorization of \$1,500,000 for three years, which is budgeted in the Welding Technology departments' FY21 operating budget and subsequent year's budgets, subject to Board approval.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The contract term will be three years beginning May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2024.

RESOURCE PERSONNEL

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