

AGENDA ITEM 6.G.

RE: Consideration and Approval of the Rental of a Temporary Chiller for the South Campus

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the rental of a temporary 400-ton chiller from Industrial & Commercial Mechanical (ICM) in the amount of \$163,400.00 for a four-month period (May through August 2026) through Buy Board Contract No. 720-23. Funding for this rental will be provided through the College's approved Deferred Maintenance Budget.

BACKGROUND: Laredo College is currently undertaking the Johnson Controls (JCI) South Campus Chiller Replacement Project, which includes the replacement of two chillers and two cooling towers. During construction, the South Campus has been operating with only one permanent chiller, making the campus vulnerable to a complete loss of cooling should the remaining chiller experience a mechanical failure. To ensure continuity of campus operations and maintain a safe and comfortable learning environment for students, faculty, and staff, the College secured a temporary 400-ton chiller to remain on-site in an operational-ready configuration.

The temporary chiller remains fully connected, powered, and capable of being activated within 24 hours if needed, providing critical redundancy while the permanent chiller replacement project is completed. The operational-ready rental rate is \$40,850.00 per month.

The rental is being procured from Industrial & Commercial Mechanical (ICM) through Buy Board Contract No. 720-23, a competitively awarded cooperative purchasing contract that satisfies the College's procurement requirements.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS: The total cost for the four-month rental is \$163,400.00 (\$40,850.00 per month). Funding is available through the College's approved Deferred Maintenance Budget.

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