

AGENDA ITEM 6.H.

RE: Consideration and Approval of a Contract for the Fabrication and Installation of a Metal Perimeter Fence at the South Campus

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the award of a contract to Gutierrez Machine Shop in the amount of \$275,000 for the fabrication and installation of a new metal perimeter fence at the Laredo College South Campus. The recommendation is based on the proposal receiving the highest overall evaluation score and representing the best value to the College in accordance with the evaluation criteria established in Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 26-0408.

BACKGROUND: Laredo College issued Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 26-0408, "LC South Campus Fence Project (Reposted)," to solicit proposals from qualified welding contractors for the fabrication and installation of a new wrought iron perimeter fence at the South Campus. The project includes furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and supervision necessary to fabricate and install approximately 900 linear feet of a six-foot-high metal fence, including gates, concrete footings, painting, and related site improvements designed to match the existing fencing at the South Campus.

Proposals were evaluated by a committee comprised of representatives from the Physical Plant and Purchasing Departments using the criteria established in the RFP, including price, contractor experience and reputation, quality of materials and services, safety record, qualifications of proposed personnel, financial capability, organization and project approach, and proposed completion timeframe.

Following the evaluation process, Gutierrez Machine Shop received the highest overall evaluation score of 270 points and was ranked first among the responsive proposers. Three proposals were determined to be non-responsive because subcontracting was proposed when the RFP specifically required a certified welding contractor to perform the work without a general contractor arrangement.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS: The total contract amount is \$275,000. Funding for this project is available through the College's approved budget for deferred maintenance.

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