

5. CONSENT AGENDA 6. OTHER

5.6.1. RATIFICATION OF EXEMPTION RESPONSIBLE BIDDER PROCEDURE REQUIREMENTS

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Explanation of Basis for Exemption: On June 23, the College experienced a fire involving a Cleaver-Brooks boiler at the Lakeshore Campus. Returning the boiler to safe and reliable service requires specialized inspection, repair, and testing. The work includes evaluating fire-related damage, completing necessary repairs, and inspecting and testing applicable boiler safety devices, controls, and operating systems.

Cleaver-Brooks Sales and Service is an authorized service provider for Cleaver-Brooks equipment and possesses the manufacturer-specific knowledge and expertise necessary to evaluate the affected boiler, perform the required repairs, and verify its safe operation following the fire. Obtaining competitive alternatives was determined to be impractical because the work requires specialized knowledge of the equipment, manufacturer specifications, controls, and safety systems. Engaging a contractor without comparable expertise could increase the risk of improper repairs, additional equipment damage, or failure to identify safety-related conditions.

The boiler is essential to Lakeshore Campus operations, and the repairs must be completed before winter to ensure adequate heating capacity. Accordingly, both the specialized nature of the equipment and the need to restore the boiler safely and timely support the use of an exemption from RBP requirements. Based on the circumstances of the fire, the manufacturer-specific expertise required, and the operational importance of the boiler, an exemption from RBP requirements was warranted.

Recommendation: Approve ratification of exemption of RBP requirements, as described.