

AGENDA ITEM 8.N.

RE: Approval of Engineering Firm Pool and Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Contracts with Selected Firms

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of an Engineering Firm Pool consisting of Ardurra Engineers, KCI Engineering Services, and Valdez Engineering, as recommended through the evaluation process, and authorize the College President to negotiate and execute contracts with the selected firms, as needed, for engineering services in accordance with RFQ No. 26-0603, applicable law, College policy, and available project funding.

BACKGROUND: Laredo College issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 26-0603 for Engineering Services to establish a pool of qualified engineering firms to provide professional engineering services for College projects. The RFQ was released on June 24, 2026, with responses due July 21, 2026.

The purpose of the RFQ is to obtain qualified firms to provide engineering services for the planning, design, and construction of Laredo College projects on an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity basis. The contemplated services include capital improvements, renovations, infrastructure and utility upgrades, site development, and modernization projects across College campuses and facilities.

The RFQ provides for the selection of engineering firms in accordance with established College procedures and Texas Government Code, Chapter 2254. It further permits the Evaluation Committee to recommend multiple qualified firms to the Board of Trustees and allows the College to award multiple contracts.

Following receipt of qualifications, the Evaluation Committee reviewed and evaluated the responding firms based on the established evaluation criteria. Based on the final scoresheet tabulation, the three highest-ranked firms recommended for inclusion in the Engineering Firm Pool are:

1. Ardurra Engineers – Rank 1
2. KCI Engineering Services – Rank 2
3. Valdez Engineering – Rank 3

The evaluation included participation by the Board of Trustees President, Board of Trustees Parliamentarian, College President, and Vice President of Finance and Administration.

Establishing the Engineering Firm Pool will provide the College with access to qualified professional engineering resources as needs arise for capital improvement, deferred maintenance, infrastructure, renovation, and other facility-related projects. Individual project scopes, professional fees, and other terms will be negotiated separately as services are required. The RFQ specifically provides that fees and services will be negotiated separately for each project.

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS: There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with establishing the Engineering Firm Pool. Professional engineering fees will be negotiated on a project-by-project basis and charged to the funding source approved or otherwise available for each respective project.

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