

Purchase Request # 5
Regular Board Meeting January 22, 2019
Consideration of Approval to Purchase
Fiber Optic WAN Installation Services

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The District President recommends the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of fiber optic wide area network (WAN) installation services from Capco Communications Inc. for Academic Technology and Networking Services.

BACKGROUND

A private fiber network helps to reduce operational costs while providing a higher level of redundancy and service to all District campuses and centers. Capco Communications originally installed the District's WAN in 2001 and has serviced and maintained it since that time. Capco Communications currently holds the WAN maintenance and support services contract for the District.

Reference number (REF) 4215 was issued to track the volume of spend for purchase of fiber optic WAN installation services. Tracking of spend volume is accomplished through the Purchasing Department's eProcurement system. The system is set to automatically notify the contract owner when 85% of the approved expenditure is reached, which triggers the contract owner to analyze current and future spend.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

This request is to purchase services and fiber from Capco Communications for the expansion of the District's fiber optic WAN to the Technical Campus and to the Wylie Campus. Purchasing from Capco Communications will insure that the WAN is installed, maintained and serviced consistently throughout the District.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

This purchasing request is for spend authorization for \$300,000.00 which is budgeted in the Academic Technology and Networking Services FY19 operating budget and subsequent year's budget subject to Board approval for the products and services described and in accordance with Board Policy CF (Local) and Texas Education Code Section 44.031.

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