

## **AGENDA ITEM 7.C.**

**RE:** Ratification for the Purchase of Welding Equipment for the Construction and Industrial Technologies Department

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Administration recommends ratification of the purchase of welding equipment for the Construction and Industrial Technologies Department from Airgas USA, LLC in the total amount of \$227,363.07. The purchase is funded through the Carl D. Perkins Grant and supports instructional improvements and expansion of the College's welding and industrial technology programs.

**BACKGROUND:** The equipment purchase includes ten (10) diesel engine-driven welder generators and twelve (12) multi-process welding machines to support the development of the department's planned outside welding laboratory and improve instructional equipment in existing welding shops. The department indicated that many of the current welding machines are outdated and require constant repairs, impacting instructional operations and student training opportunities. The new equipment will enhance hands-on training opportunities, improve reliability of instructional equipment, and strengthen workforce training in welding and industrial technologies.

Per Perkins Grant requirements, equipment purchases were required to be completed by the April 30, 2026 deadline and received, installed, and operational by the first day of the College's Summer I session. The purchase includes:

- Ten (10) Miller Big Blue 400 Pro diesel welder generators at a cost of \$173,670.03; and
- Twelve (12) Miller Multimatic 255 multi-process welders at a cost of \$53,672.04.

The Purchase is being done using E&I Contract #CNR01362.

**BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS:** \$227,363.07 funded by the Carl D. Perkins Grant.

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