

Purchase Request #8
Regular Board Meeting August 5, 2019

Consideration of Approval to Contract for Welding Consumables and Supplies

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a contract for welding consumables and supplies with Matheson Tri-Gas, Lincoln Electric, DF Sales TX LLC, and Gas and Supply for the Welding Technology program.

BACKGROUND

Welding Technology courses have been offered at Central Campus since 1972 and at North Campus since 1976. The programs offer an Associate Degree in Applied Science in Welding Technology; two (2) Certificates of Technology: Combination Welder and Gas Shielded Welding; two (2) Occupational Certificates: Stick Pipe Welder and Art Welding; and one (1) Level 2 Certificate: Industrial Welder.

The Central Campus Welding department currently has 118 welding booths, and the North Campus Welding department currently has 120 welding booths.

An invitation for bids, Project Number 19-22, was issued to procure welding consumables and supplies used for instructional purposes by the Welding Technology program. Five (5) responses were received and it was determined that the bids submitted by Matheson Tri-Gas, Lincoln Electric, DF Sales TX LLC, and Gas and Supply were responsive to all bid requirements and would provide the best value to the College.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

Consumable welding products such as welding rods, wires, and tools are needed on a daily basis to teach welding students. Contracting for these products at a discounted rate will provide a greater cost savings, which can be applied to offset other expenses and provide a readily available supply source.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The estimated annual expenditure is \$350,000. This expenditure is funded from the Welding Technology departments' 2019-2020 operating budget and subsequent year budgets, subject to approval by the Board.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The initial award term will be one (1) year from the date of the final execution of the contract, with renewal options of four (4) one-year terms.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 - Tabulation

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Project Name Welding Consumables and Supplies
Project Number 19-22

Final Ranking

Vendor Name	Number of Items Bid	Number of Items Lowest Bidder
Matheson Tri-Gas	98	47
Lincoln Electric	49	35
DF Sales TX LLC	117	24
Gas and Supply	114	16
Steel Supply, L.P.	93	3