The Newark Center for Health, Sciences, and Technology construction has progressed to the point where it is time to order various components of the Information Technology (IT) infrastructure equipment and installation services (e.g., PC’s, Servers, Storage, etc.). The IT department has architected an IT infrastructure design based upon instructional programs and administrative operations requirements gathered from faculty and staff.

To meet the personal computing needs of the faculty, staff, and students of the NCHST campus, the IT department has designed a personal computer infrastructure approach. This hardware and software solution will allow the District to meet the instructional and administrative personal computing needs of the faculty, staff, and students of the NCHST Campus in an efficient, cost-effective, secure, and reliable manner.

The Information Technology Department requested price quotes from several firms capable of meeting the personal computing equipment specifications. The IT Department conducted extensive analysis of vendor responses to ensure that the quoted configurations met the performance, interoperability, cost, and implementation requirements of the personal computer configuration design.

Hewlett-Packard (HP), through their preferred reseller HPM Networks, was the most responsive to our system requirements. They proposed Notebook, Tablet, and Desktop computers configurations and services that matched the District’s specifications.

The equipment for the NCHST campus, including all hardware, taxes, services, maintenance, training and delivery and set up totals $535,623.17. These products and services are available from HPM Networks and HP under the State of California WSCAII contract, master agreement # A63309-CA. Ohlone College has utilized WSCA contracts in the past.

Public Contract Code Section 20652 allows the District to purchase materials and equipment through other public agencies without advertising for bids, provided that “…the Board has determined it to be in the best interests of the District.”

Funds for this acquisition have been approved and are budgeted in bond fund 42, Group II equipment for the NCHST campus.

RECOMMENDATION:

The President/Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees determine that it is in the best interests of the District to utilize the WSCAII contract and ratify PO number 7631 with Hewlett-Packard in the amount of $503,972.57 and PO number 7648 with Hewlett-Packard in the amount of $31,650.60 for the purchase of Faculty, Staff, and Student Computers for the NCHST Campus.