

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Gari Browning

DATE: April 8, 2009

SUBJECT: Approve Purchase Order 8876 to Torrey Point

Consent Agenda Item

The Information Technology (IT) Department needs to purchase networking equipment to support the new Student Services Building (SSB). New equipment to be installed in the building includes wired and WiFi access to the campus intranet. Some replacement equipment for the network is also required to connect the new building since much of the technology currently used on the network has or is reaching the end of its useful life. This older technology would not be able to support the speed and bandwidth being installed in the SSB.

The IT Department requested proposals from several firms capable of meeting the requirements. The Department and its consultants conducted extensive analysis of equipment specifications and determined that Juniper Networks, Inc. products fit the exact performance, interoperability, cost and implementation requirements of the existing network on campus. It also matches the current firewall infrastructure on the Fremont campus thereby increasing the on-going manageability of the Fremont network and reducing the support burden on IT resources.

These products are included in the Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) contract number UTW7-2002 with California participation amendment #7-08-70-12. Torrey Point is the firm designated as the installing dealer for Juniper Network products under this agreement, which is available for use by public entities in California. Ohlone College has often utilized WSCA contracts in the past.

Board Policy requires Board approval for all purchases in excess of the limits specified in Public Contract Code Section 20651 (currently \$76,700.00.) Public Contract Code Section 20652 allows the District to purchase materials and equipment through other public agencies' contracts, 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 Measure A Bond Fund 42, Group II Equipment - SSB.

RECOMMENDATION:

The President/Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees determine that it is in the best interests of the district to utilize the WSCA contract specified above and approve Purchase Order number 8876 with Torrey Point in the amount of \$167,258.41 for the purchase of networking equipment related to the new SSB.