Pursuant to the California Public Contract Code section 3400 (“PCC § 3400”), the District may not limit bidding to a “sole source” unless the Board makes a finding that the particular material, product, thing, or service is subject to one or more of the statutorily provided exemptions, including its availability only from one source or in order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion.

For constructability, compliance, and safety reasons, the District recommends sole sourcing the following materials, products, things, or services for the Bond Program, and in particular the Academic Core Buildings construction project (“Project”):

- CoreBrace structural steel buckling restrained brace frame system;
- AMAG Technology Access Control and Alarm Monitoring;
- Genetec Video Surveillance; and
- Siemens Fire Alarm Systems.

The CoreBrace brace frame system is necessary to construct the Project according to the plans and specifications approved by the State of California Division of the State Architect, and that particular brace frame system is manufactured only by CoreBrace.

The security and fire alarm systems products and services listed above match those systems already in use at the Ohlone Community College Fremont campus, where the Project is located. Matching them provides technological consistency, eliminates software compatibility issues, and simplifies replacement, maintenance, and service of security and fire alarm systems.

The products listed above will be specified as a brand only sole source item in the Notice to Bidders. General contractors submitting bids for the new Academic Core Buildings project will be expected to include competitive pricing from suppliers and installers.

RECOMMENDATION

The President/Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees approves Resolution No. 17/15-16, the “brand only” sole sourcing of the systems noted above for the bond program including the new Academic Core Buildings project.