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AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR IT
FIREWALLS UPGRADE

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REPORT: As part of the Network Optimization Project, Information
Technology (IT) will upgrade the core, perimeter and
sites firewall environments to the latest technology. In
addition, the two NGFWs will decrease our ongoing
maintenance costs, significantly reduce support
complexity, and greatly improve efficiencies in network
traffic routing, security and administration.

Firewall equipment will be purchased from Six Degrees
Consulting who are on a cooperative contract issued by
the Government Services Administration (GS-35F-
0511T) which exempts the College from a competitive
process per PCC-46-0400. This contract expires on June
26th, 2022

Six Degrees provided a quote for \$2,679,442.83 which
includes five (5) years maintenance and support. Staff
have reviewed the quote and recommend acceptance.

This contract is being issued against a Federal
Government Services Administration (GSA) cooperative.
The GSA does significant outreach and contracting with
minority and SBA certified businesses.

In this instance, a certified firm does not hold a contract
for the technology goods and related services being
procured.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors authorize PCC to award the

contract for IT Firewalls Upgrade to Six Degrees Consulting for a fee of \$2,947,387 including 10% contingency. Funding for the equipment purchase and included maintenance is from the 2017 Bond Program. IT General Fund will be used for maintenance costs after the included period.