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CONTRACT APPROVAL FOR DISTRICT WIDE FIREWALL
REPLACEMENT TO EDNETICS INC.

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STRATEGIC THEME: Enterprise: Cultivate a long-term sustainable college enterprise;
Delivery: Redefine time, place, and systems of educational delivery to create a more learner-centric ecosystem

REPORT: The 2022 Bond includes funding for IT upgrades across the district.

PCC staff have identified the need to replace the current IT firewall system. The current system is approaching the end of its support lifecycle and maintaining an effective firewall is a critical business requirement. Staff have reviewed the alternatives available and determined that Palo Alto Networks provide the optimum solution to meet the identified needs.

The services required are to be purchased from Ednetics, Inc. using the contract established by the OMNIA cooperative contract # R200803. The Community College Rules of Procurement Section CCR-205 exempts the college from a competitive process when using an approved cooperative contract.

Ednetics has provided a quote for \$1,399,067 for replacement firewalls, including five years of technical support. PCC staff have reviewed the quote and recommend acceptance.

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

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors authorize PCC to execute a five-year contract with Ednetics, Inc for \$1,399,067 for replacement firewalls. Funded will be from the 2022 Bond. This is within the IT budget established as part of the bond program.