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RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT AWARD TO THE [RE]DESIGN GROUP FOR IT DATA CENTER UPGRADES

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STRATEGIC THEME: Operational Excellence: Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Fiscal Sustainability; Technological Transformation: Agility, Innovation, and Readiness

REPORT: The 2022 Bond Program includes funding for information technology improvements. As such, it has been determined that the existing Data Center hardware requires upgrading to support current college requirements.

The hardware is to be purchased from The [RE]Design Group who are an authorized Dell Value Added Reseller. They will also provide services to install and configure the new equipment. The cost is \$249,999 for the hardware and a further \$30,000 for services - a total contract value of \$279,999. The purchase is using the contract established by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact cooperative contract # MHEC-04152022. The Community College Rules of Procurement Section CCR-205 allows the College to use a cooperative contract where a competitive process has already been completed by another government agency.

Dell notified the College, through [RE]Design, that there would be a 20 - 30% price increase in the hardware if the order was not placed by mid-December. Board policy B5050 provides that in instances where time delay will potentially cause harm to the College, procurement contracts in excess of \$250,000 may be

authorized by the College President and ratified by Board resolution. In order to avoid the upcoming price increases the College President approved proceeding with the contract award.

There are no COBID vendors who can perform this scope of services.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors ratify the award of a contract to the [RE]Design Group for the IT Data Center Upgrades project in the amount of \$279,999. Funding will be from the 2022 Bond. This is within the project budget allocated from the 2022 Bond proceeds.