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AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH CDW GOVERNMENT  
LLC FOR SOLARWINDS

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FINANCIAL  
RESPONSIBILITY: Brandon Gatke, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology

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

REPORT: Portland Community College's Information Technology Department relies on robust network monitoring tools to ensure the security, reliability, and performance of district-wide infrastructure. Pursuant to CCR.205, the college needs to procure Network Performance Monitor SLX through a properly solicited cooperative purchasing agreement to support proactive monitoring, fault detection, and performance management across instructional, administrative, and infrastructure systems.

The three-year subscription costs are broken down as follows: Year one (FY26) is \$98,759.08, year two (FY27) is \$110,609.97, and year three (FY28) is \$123,883.34, for a total contract value of \$339,423.90.

CDW Government LLC is not a COBID-certified firm. No COBID-certified firms provide a comparable product.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Directors authorizes the college to enter into a contract with CDW Government LLC for Solarwinds for a term of three (3) years for the total amount of \$333,252.39. This expense will be covered by the General Fund.