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ACCEPT BID AND AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE
PURCHASE OF NETWORK ROUTING AND FIREWALL
EQUIPMENT

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REPORT: The College has a need to replace the old network routing equipment throughout the District with Check Point Firewall equipment. Technology Solutions Services (TSS) staff looked into the replacement of existing network routing equipment and evaluated different equipment for the best fit for the College. After careful review and testing, TSS selected Check Point products. Benefits of the Check Point product include, but are not limited to the following: it will enable network administrators to provide superior protection across the entire security gateway; it provides robust authentication capabilities to confirm the identity of all users attempting to access the network; the firewall can inspect and forward traffic without interfering with the original IP routing. Over the past few years, TSS staff have started replacing the old network routing equipment a few components at a time. Bond funding will allow replacement of remaining outdated network equipment that consists of various brands and models that are more than five (5) years old and nearing the end of their life. In addition, the old network equipment does not support some of the features required for the new VoiP system. The estimated purchase cost will exceed the \$150,000 threshold, requiring a formal solicitation process and the Board of Directors approval (B505).

On November 12, 2010, an Invitation to Bid (ITB) was advertised in the Daily Journal of Commerce, State of Oregon (ORPIN) System and the ITB document was accessible on the PCC Solicitation website. A total of eight (8) companies registered and obtained a copy of the ITB (of which 2 companies registered as MWESB). By the deadline of 2:00 P.M, November 23, 2010, the College received one (1) bid, submitted by Groupware Technology with the total bid amount of \$265,145.40. The department would like to accept the bid and move forward with the equipment order to meet the project installation timeline.

Note: No MWESB companies submitted a bid.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors accept the bid and award the contract to Groupware Technology for the purchase of Check Point Firewall products in the amount of \$265,145.40. Contract is valid through June 30, 2012 with an option to renew for an additional year. Funding will be from bond funds.