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RATIFY CONTRACT WITH CONVERGINT
TECHNOLOGIES TO PROVIDE UPGRADE TO THE
EMERGENCY ALERT AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

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REPORT: On November 15, 2007 (BA 08-031), the College Board of Directors approved the contract with Convergent Technologies based on a Request for Proposal process to hire a firm to install a Districtwide Emergency Alert and Notification System Equipment. In February, 2009 (BA 09-056), the Board of Directors declared Stimulus Projects as emergency contracts which allowed staff to continue to work with existing contractors. This emergency alert system was one of the projects approved under the stimulus funding and has been implemented at the College District.

Public Safety staff request authorization to continue working with Convergent Technologies for upgrading existing emergency alert system software and equipment that are currently no longer supported. The upgrade process will be done in two (2) phases: Phase 1, includes necessary services such as design, furnish, coordinate, install, configure, programming and commissioning an upgrade to the existing Cooper/Eaton WAVES7 2.4 Ghz system to the latest WAVES8.1 IP/900. The upgrade will be done at Sylvania Campus base station and one station at Cascade Campus. The total cost for Phase I upgrade is \$80,968; Phase 2, includes replacement and upgrade of the system/equipment of the remaining eight (8) integrated base stations located at the College District. The total cost for Phase 2 upgrade is \$259,200. The combined total exceeds the \$150,000 threshold, which requires formal procurement process and/or Board of Directors approval.

Convergent Technology has been selected based on their previous work, knowledge, experience and availability to

complete this project within the required timeline. The scope and costs for Phase 1 and 2 upgrade have been pre-approved by the District Vice President to meet the project schedule of September 2016.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors approve and ratify the contract with Convergint Technologies for the completion of the emergency communication system upgrade (Phase 1 & 2) for a total cost of \$374,185 (includes a 10% project contingency). The contract is valid through June 30, 2017. Funding will covered by General Fund.