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AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR IT  
WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS UPGRADE

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REPORT: The 2017 Bond includes an initiative for Information Technology (IT) upgrades. One of the projects identified during Facilities Plans Phase I was to upgrade wireless access points throughout the college. Given the advancements in wireless technologies over the last decade, upgrading our wireless services will allow for improved wireless access for students, faculty and staff. IT will also be adding new access points throughout the college for expanded wireless services. IT will also be adding new access points throughout the college for expanded wireless services.

The college currently has over 800 wireless access points at all campuses and centers. Many of the access points are nearing 10 years old and reaching end of life. Our current wireless access points are an HP (Hewlett Packard) Aruba product. We will upgrade to the latest series of the HP Aruba wireless product. The newer wireless series will also allow IT to improve wireless services configuration and management.

Purchase of the HP Aruba product will be made in phases to facilitate installation schedules throughout the college.

Wireless Access Point equipment will be purchased from PNW Security, LLC who are on a cooperative contract issued by the Organization for Educational Technology & Curriculum (OETC) which exempts the College from a

competitive process per CCR-205. This contract expires on January 31, 2021. This contract is being issued against an OETC cooperative contract that was competitively bid.

PNW Security provided a quote for \$1,124,329.80 which includes five (5) years maintenance and support. Staff have reviewed the quote and recommend acceptance.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Board of Directors authorize PCC to award the contract for Wireless Access Points to PNW Security, LLC for a fee of \$1,236,763 including 10% contingency. Funding for the equipment purchase and included maintenance is from the 2017 Bond Program. IT General Fund will be used for maintenance costs after the included period.