

Purchase Request #11
Regular Board Meeting March 7, 2022
Consideration of Approval to Purchase Two Automatic Semi-Tractors

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees delegate its authority to the Chancellor or her designee to purchase two (2) automatic transmission semi-tractors for the continuing and professional development department.

BACKGROUND

The awarded vendor or vendors will provide a total of two relatively low mileage (200K-500K) semi-trucks, which will allow the Professional Truck Driving program, to add automatic transmission semi-trucks to its current fleet. Due to the high demand and limited supply of vehicles, along with the unique aspects of procuring a used vehicle that meets the desired specifications, dealers are unwilling to hold a vehicle for any length of time. The College must be in a position to respond to and accept a viable offer when it is presented.

Invitation for bids #22-15 was issued on February 4, 2022, to procure two (2) automatic transmission semi-tractors. The bid will close March 3, 2022. The award will be made to the selected offeror(s) with the tractors that will provide the best value to the College. If no viable offers are received, the College will extend the solicitation deadline or slightly modify the vehicle specifications to procure the needed semi-tractors in the near future.

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

The addition of two automatic transmission semi-trucks will allow the College to meet one of the recommendations made by its professional truck driver advisory committee to upgrade its current fleet by adding newer model automatic transmission trucks. The newer model trucks will give our students the benefit of having been trained on both automatic and manual transmission trucks. In addition, the newer trucks will be equipped with more current systems and electronics, which will more closely align with trucks used by our industry partners and thus, aid in making our graduates more employable.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The estimated expenditure is \$185,000 and will be funded from the TRUE Consortium Grant and the continuing and professional development department's 2021-2022 operating budget.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

The purchase of the two automatic transmission semi-trucks is a one-time purchase.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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