



MEETING OF: September 24, 2013

TITLE: Request Approval to Purchase Computers Using PARCC (The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) Readiness Grant Funds

ITEM #: 5

Information:

Study:

Action: X

PURPOSE:

To approve the purchase of computers, laptops and related equipment through State and Cooperative Contracted vendors using PARCC Readiness Grant Funds.

DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The School Improvement Department has determined that the District needs to purchase technology equipment using awarded PARCC (The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) Grant Funds. The proposed purchase includes approximately 583 desktop computers, 1715 laptop computers with Computrace, 57 mobile computer carts, accompanying Microsoft Office Student Software, and 2300 headsets. All of this equipment is available from multiple contracted vendors through State and Cooperative Contracts.

A committee of Technology Services employees reviewed estimates from three (3) State of Arizona and Cooperative Contracted vendors for the desktops, laptops, software and carts and made their recommendation. The committee recommendation was made in consideration of price, value, specifications, vendor capability, maintenance and warranty services provided. The committee also reviewed written estimates from three (3) Mohave Educational Services (MES) Contracted Vendors for the 2300 headsets. The committee recommendation was made in consideration of price, value, features, maintenance and warranty services provided. Details and the recommended vendor are included in the Technology Recommendation and Executive Summary, which will be sent under separate communication.

Due Diligence has been completed by the Purchasing Department on the State and Cooperative Contracts to be used for this purchase, and have been previously Board Approved.

This technology purchase supports the Superintendent's Goals on Achievement, Student Enrollment, Customer Service and Grants.

Damon Jackson, Chief Information Officer, will be present to answer questions regarding Technology Services.

Kevin Startt, Director of Purchasing, will be present to answer questions regarding the procurement process.

BOARD POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

Governing Board Policy DJ - Purchasing Procedures

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS:

For all Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs), Initiator of Agenda Item provides the name of the agency responsible for recording the Agreement after approval:

For amendments to current IGAs, Initiator provides original IGA recording number:

Legal Advisor Signature (if applicable)

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

_____	District Budget
X _____	State/Federal Funds
_____	Other _____
<u>Budget Cost</u>	<u>Budget Code</u>
estimated	PARCC Grant
\$2,283,872.00	


Budget Certification (for use by Office of Financial Services only):

Date _____
I certify that funds for this expenditure in the amount of \$ are available and may be:
Authorized from current year budget
Authorized with School Board approval
Code: Fund:

INITIATOR(S):

Kevin Startt, Director of Purchasing	9/18/13
Name	Title Date

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED/ ON FILE IN BOARD OFFICE:

<u>ATTACHMENTS:</u>
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 Overview of PARCC Technology Grant

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CONTINUATION SHEET