

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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**TOPIC: APPROVAL OF SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR ACCESS CONTROLS, FRONT RANGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE WESTMINSTER CAMPUS**

**PRESENTED BY: ANDREW R. DORSEY, PRESIDENT**

**RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN: Goal 4:** Refine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.

**EXPLANATION:**

Front Range Community College seeks spending authority approval to enter into a contract for \$760,000 with TeamLinux to upgrade interior access controls at the Westminster Campus. The access control system is an electrified locking system that allows instantaneous control of doors from any of the three FRCC campus security offices. FRCC has been systematically expanding access control at all three campuses. This Westminster Campus project will complete the majority of interior doors on that campus.

Front Range Community College released a request for proposal (#FRCC-21-16-W) to install new access hardware on 300 doors, over half of which are classrooms or labs. The rest are mostly office suites, conference rooms, and storage areas. There are also 14 exterior doors included in the project. Following the proper procurement and bid procedures TeamLinux won the bid. The project will be completed by December 31, 2021.

The dollar amount of the contract is consistent with the size of the buildings (486,000 GSF between the main campus building, South Classroom Building, Greenhouse and the College Hill library) and the number of access control hardware devices. This project will include programming the additional doors into our existing access control software.

In addition to a number of security and staffing benefits (for example, faster response times in emergency situations, the ability for security staff to remotely open rooms for unscheduled events, reduced demand for physical keys and changing locks when keys are lost, and the provision of a room access record), the project also brings important pandemic related benefits. In particular, these enhanced access controls will allow the College's facilities teams to unlock classrooms or labs on a schedule so that students can enter the classroom at a specified time, even if the instructor has not arrived yet. This will avoid congregation in the hallways prior to class of a large, unsupervised group of students who may not follow proper social distancing recommendations.

In light of the pandemic related benefits, the College requested and received, approval from our Department of Education Program Officer to use Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF) - otherwise known as federal stimulus funds – to pay for this project.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Board approve the access control upgrade contract for Front Range Community College with a do not exceed amount of \$760,000 and delegate the signature authority of the board to the FRCC President on the condition that all State and Board required processes are met.