SUBJECT: Bid for Computer Purchase (Summer 2006) Vendor Selection

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED,

Information Only

Action Item

Proposal:
That the Board of Trustees approve the bid from OmniPro Computers for the Measure E Bond Computer Purchase (Summer 2006).

Background:
Measure E contained $3.5 million dollars to upgrade classrooms and labs including “instructional technological infrastructure”. One portion of implementing this Measure E project is to purchase approximately $1 million dollars of new computers. A three (3) year purchase and implementation plan has been approved by the District’s Technology Committee.

The first year of the three (3) year purchase plan was approved by the Board of Trustees on August 9, 2005. The bid was awarded to Dell Marketing L.P. for $259,819. The purchase was completed and implemented.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for the second (2nd) year of the purchase plan was advertised and sent to nine (9) companies. Attached is a “Bid Tabulation Form” that summarizes the responses to the RFP. In the acquisition of electronic data-processing equipment, California Education Code 81645 authorizes the Board to “…contract with a party who has submitted one of three lowest responsible competitive proposals…” The lowest bid is from OmniPro Computers at $232,750. The District has previously purchased computers from OmniPro, and is confident in awarding the bid to them. The reasons are as follows:

- OmniPro has an excellent reputation, and has serviced us well in the past.
- OmniPro has outstanding references in California, most of which are large schools in our area.
• OmniPro machines are of a known quality that this District has seen and worked with.
• Drivers and updates for OmniPro machines are easily available from a custom website.
• OmniPro will certify District technicians through a program to provide enhanced support.
• OmniPro is a Microsoft certified system builder, an Intel Premier Partner, and was recently voted best PC system supplier by the California Community College Chancellor’s Office.

Budgetary Implications:
Funds are included in the Measure E funding.

Follow Up/Outcome:
Sign contract with OmniPro

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