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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable School Board Members
FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPB, Purchasing Agent
RE: Technical Training Aids
Purchase Order #90014054 and #90014055

The attached purchase order with Technical Training Aids is being forwarded for your consideration and subsequent approval. This request is from the Community, Career and Technical Education Department for the purchase of a Dimension 3D Printer (BST 1200es) package to be used at River Ridge High School.

Currently the Department of Education rule 6A-1.012(14) allows the Board to enter into direct negotiations for information technology as defined in State Statutes 282.0041(15). The definition for information technology means "equipment, hardware, software, firmware, programs, systems, networks, infrastructure, media, and related material used to automatically, electronically, and wirelessly collect, receive, access, transmit, display, store, record, retrieve, analyze, evaluate, process, classify, manipulate, manage, assimilate, control, communicate, exchange, convert, converge, interface, switch, or disseminate information of any kind or form."

Given the fact that the Dimension 3D Printer is technology equipment and has software that will automatically and electronically receive and transmit information from a computer, it appears that the Dimension 3D printer fulfills the definition and intent of DOE's definition for information terminology and, therefore, would be exempt from the competitive bidding process.

In addition, under the Department of Education Rule 6A-1.012(12)(d), the Board may make purchases for single source items after an electronic posting of the description of the item has been conducted for at least seven (7) business days. The electronic posting for this equipment with software was completed on June 10, 2009 (see attached).

At this time we are requesting approval of the above-purchase order, as allowed under the above-referenced rules. Should you have any questions regarding this request, or if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

KDG/lmr

Attachments