

SUBJECT: Consider approval for consulting services for Lawson Landmark System Foundation (LSF9) Upgrade CSP #10-001.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with state bid laws, legal notices were published in the Houston Chronicle.

Since September of 2005, the District has been using Lawson Business Software for all business applications. We are currently on release version 8 and all maintenance and support for this version ceases in May of 2010. The next release is a major architectural upgrade of the application and to successfully complete the upgrade process on time the district needs additional assistance from a qualified vendor. In addition, Lawson will not certify any upgrade of this magnitude unless a certified Lawson partner assists with the process.

Initially, we invited a consulting firm specializing in Lawson K12 implementations and who also acquired the resources that developed the specific custom code for K12 entities to complete an evaluation of our environment. This included infrastructure, custom apps, and environment. From this detailed gap analysis, we were able to develop an RFP for the specific services required to complete the upgrade.

All bids have been reviewed and tabulated. The vendor has been selected according to documented evaluation criteria to provide best value to the district as they received the most number of points using the evaluation criteria

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The estimated cost of \$185,000 will be paid with funds in the 2009-2010 technology services budget.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the contract for the Lawson Landmark System Foundation upgrade to Kinsey & Kinsey.

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BOARD MEETING DATE: August 25, 2009

CSP #10-001 Lawson Landmark System Foundation Upgrade

Scale 1-5, 5 being best

item	weight	discription	Kinsey	% weighting
1	35%	Company Experience with K12	5	35%
2	25%	Total Cost	5	25%
3	20%	Solution fit to District Requirements	5	20%
4	10%	Vendor references	5	10%
5	10%	Project Schedule proposal	5	10%
100% TOTALS				100%

Vendor Selection: Kinsey and Kinsey

Notes:

Original author of many of the custom applications we purchased with the JAT K-12 module now works for Kinsey and will be assigned to this project
The lead consultant is also from the only school district that has implemented the new teacher contract module

Price