



February 6, 2025

TO: THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VALENCIA COLLEGE

FROM: DR. KATHLEEN PLINSKE
President

RE: NETWORK FIREWALL UPGRADES

On September 5, 2024, the District Board of Trustees authorized the Carryforward Spending Plan for 2023-2024 Fund Balance which allocated \$9,220,000 for the Information Technology Capital Plan. As part of this plan, the College is proposing upgrades to the existing Network Firewall to support our infrastructure modernization efforts. These upgrades will enhance the college's core infrastructure and security for the next five years, meeting the evolving needs of the applications and services that underpin college operations. This comprehensive solution will protect the college's digital assets from unauthorized access, data breaches, and other cyber threats, while also providing additional capacity and redundancy to the backbone network.

Valencia leveraged applicable procurement law to use the third party E&I Cooperative Agreement (CNR01439) to negotiate and obtain the best possible price with their contracted vendor, CDW-G. The total purchase price of this solution is \$658,858, which includes the required hardware, and five years of licensing and maintenance.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The President recommends that the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College enter into an agreement with CDW-G for the networks firewall upgrades, at a cost of \$658,858.



President