



November 2, 2023

**TO:** THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VALENCIA COLLEGE

**FROM:** DR. KATHLEEN PLINSKE  
President

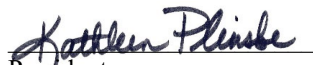
**RE:** PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION, ORLANDO FREIGHTLINER, INC.

On October 12, 2023, Florida Commerce (formerly Department of Economic Opportunity) approved the funding for six (6) Freightliner trucks for the use of Valencia College in its Commercial Driving License (CDL) training program, through the Florida Job Growth Workforce Training Grant. The grant funds the purchase of six (6) Freightliner trucks that will expedite the provision of training and facilitate the expansion of the CDL Training Program.

Valencia College, in accordance with the instructional equipment exemption provided by Rule 6A-14.0734 (2)(a), F.A.C., s, sourced the used freightliner market and negotiated the best value for the College. Important factors such as vehicle make and model, year, mileage, and inventory availability were considered when evaluating the multiple quotes received. Although vendors from across the country were considered, Orlando Freightliner, Inc, located in Orlando Florida provided the best overall value and price. The total purchase price for all six (6) Freightliners is \$475,206.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The President recommends that the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College authorize the College to purchase the six Freightliner trucks, at a total cost of \$475,206, from Orlando Freightliners, Inc., as presented.

  
President