



September 14, 2023

TO: THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VALENCIA COLLEGE

FROM: DR. KATHLEEN PLINSKE
President

RE: AWARD OF CA 2024-09, COOLING TOWERS REPLACEMENT, EAST CAMPUS

Section 602(b) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, authorizes the U.S. Department of the Treasury to make payment to each state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF). Section 197 of the 2022 General Appropriations Act, Chapter 2022-156, Laws of Florida (House Bill 5001), authorizes the spending of federal SFRF funds awarded to the State as a part of the ARP.

As part of the 2022 General Appropriations Act, Valencia College was awarded \$17,571,279 to address deferred building maintenance challenges. Using a portion of the funding, the College intends to replace the two (2) Cooling Towers at the East Campus.

A thorough review of available options for replacement of the cooling towers was completed by Valencia staff and two proposers, MSI-Mechanical Services and TRANE U.S. Inc., to ensure adherence to College Standards and preferred project timeline. The two vendors were asked to leverage national cooperative agreements, to provide pricing to the College. In accordance with established College process, the Procurement Department, along with the Operations Manager of Energy Efficiency reviewed the bids for adherence to scope of work, and pricing. TRANE U.S., Inc., provided the College with the best overall price.

In accordance with applicable law and College policy, Valencia leveraged U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Supply Schedule, Contract #47QSWA20D002A, with GSA's contracted vendor TRANE U.S. Inc., to purchase and install the cooling towers for a total cost of \$878,693. The project provides a turnkey solution including demolition and removal of existing cooling towers and installation of new units.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The President recommends that the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College authorize the College to enter into an agreement with TRANE U.S. Inc. for the replacement of two cooling towers at the East Campus, as presented.



President