

Purchase Request #2
Regular Board Meeting December 9, 2024

Consideration of Delegation of Authority to Contract for Biotechnology Equipment

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION/REPORT

The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize the Chancellor or her designee to approve acquisition contracts for instructional equipment to support the Center for Biotechnology at Generation Park.

BACKGROUND

The Center for Biotechnology building at Generation Park will be completed in May 2025. The program has identified a need for equipment to support the curriculum. This includes bioreactors, cell processing equipment, chromatographs, and ultra-low temperature freezers.

In November 2024, the Board supported the use of \$3,000,000 from existing 2015 Bond Generation Park Opportunity Funds for the acquisition of required equipment. The acquisition strategy is to request pricing for both new and previously owned equipment. Items which exceed \$50,000 and cannot be sourced through quotes will be formally solicited through Requests for Proposals (RFP), which complies with the competitive procurement requirements per Texas Education Code §44.031(a). If available, items may also be formally sourced through cooperative contract programs, which complies with the competitive procurement requirements per Texas Education Code §44.031(a)(4) and is permitted through Texas Government Code §791.011(g).

IMPACT OF THIS ACTION

Approval of this action will authorize the Chancellor or her designee to approve multiple purchases for the best value offerings to fulfill the instructional requirements of the program until the allocated funds are depleted. Ideally, these offerings will include used equipment with a limited window of availability, but costs dramatically less than new systems. Obtaining this authority in advance ensures that the College will be able to acquire suitable equipment within such restricted windows of availability.

BUDGET INFORMATION (INCLUDING ANY STAFFING IMPLICATIONS)

The cost of these acquisitions will not exceed \$3,000,000 in the aggregate. No individual item is expected to exceed \$400,000. The project is funded from the 2015 Bond Program.

MONITORING AND REPORTING TIMELINE

This project will be managed by capital projects and biotechnology department staff.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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Final Tabulation RFP 25-23 - Large Scale Bioreactors

Type	Supplier	Score	Section 1: Quals. of Firm	Section 2: Equipment	Section 3: References	Section 4: Exceptions T&Cs	Section 5: Price Proposal	Price
		100	10	40	5	5	40	
A	Cytiva (Global Life Sciences Solutions USA LLC) - XDR 50 Repurpose	96.53	10.0	40.0	4.0	3.8	38.8	\$ 264,555.32
B	ThermoFisher Scientific/ Finesse Solutions, Inc.	92.07	8.3	40.0	3.0	3.0	37.8	\$ 315,266.07
C	ThermoFisher Scientific/ Finesse Solutions, Inc.	62.50	8.3	8.3	3.0	3.0	40.0	\$ 322,302.09
D	ThermoFisher Scientific/ Finesse Solutions, Inc.	71.64	8.3	27.5	3.0	3.0	29.9	\$ 347,192.44
E	ThermoFisher Scientific/ Finesse Solutions, Inc.	89.25	8.3	35.0	3.0	3.0	40.0	\$ 315,266.07