SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR NEW BID # B-8003 FOR HP-UX SERVER AND COMPATIBLE DATA STORAGE DEVICES

OVERVIEW

At their meeting of August 14, 2007, the Governing Board authorized Bonnie Ann Dowd, Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services, or Ken Jay, Director, Business Services, to execute a contract within the limits of available funding to one of the three lowest responsive bidders for an upcoming bid for an HR Student Computing Environment, subject to later ratification by the Governing Board.

A notice was published in the San Diego Daily Transcript on August 9 and August 16, 2007, for Bid # B-8002 which called for bids for an authorized reseller to furnish, install, and configure the specified previously sold and refurbished equipment at the District's San Marcos Campus as well as to provide both preventative and remedial maintenance on said equipment for a period of five years after the installation. A total of 25 vendors were notified of the bid. The two vendors who submitted bids by the closing date of September 5, 2007, at 2:30 PM, had to be deemed non-responsive to the specifications as stated in the bid documents as follows:

Bidder	Reason
Abtech Systems Inc. 2042 Corte del Nogal, Ste. D Carlsbad, CA 92011	Not an authorized HP Reseller
Nth Generation Computing Inc. 17055 Camino San Bernardo San Diego, CA 92127	Bidder stated that HP would be performing the maintenance and repair services, rather than the Bidder doing so.

The previous agenda item has requested that the Governing Board ratify the rejection of those two bids.

DISCUSSION

After discussions with the Interim Director of Information Services, Purchasing advertised for and notified prospective bidders of the new and modified Bid # B-8003 for the HP-UX servers and compatible data storage devices, with the bid opening scheduled for October 2, 2007. The new bid was modified to state that an "experienced" reseller was acceptable and outlined the acceptable way in which a Bidder could utilize a sub-contractor to perform some of the required services for the District. The specified equipment needs to be installed by the updated completion date of approximately December 10, 2007. In order to meet that updated completion date, a contract must be awarded to the selected vendor as soon as possible after the bid opening. The contract award for the new, modified Bid # B-8003 will be brought back to the Governing Board for ratification at a future Governing Board meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding for the system will come from Prop. M Funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve new Bid # B-8003 for HP-UX Server and Compatible Data Storage Devices related to the HR Student Computing Environment as stated above, and authorize Bonnie Ann Dowd, Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services, or Ken Jay, Director, Business Services, to contract with one of the three lowest, responsive bidders for said system, subject to ratification by the Board at a future Board meeting.