

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

**INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

**DECISION ON AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR VEX V5 GATEWAY ROBOTICS KITS**

**APRIL 12, 2021**

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Office of Business, Technology, and Magnet Programs, is requesting approval for a purchase from Project Lead The Way (PLTW), located at 3939 Priority Way South Drive, Suite 400, Indianapolis, IN 46240 in the amount of \$128,040.00 for the purchase of Vex V5 Gateway Robotics Kits for Harford County middle schools.

Discussion:

The Office of Business, Technology, and Magnet Programs is requesting the acquisition of Vex V5 Gateway Robotics Kits in order to remain compliant with PLTW curriculum. The cost of these upgrades is detailed below:

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Aberdeen Middle School	\$ 7,760.00
Edgewood Middle School	\$ 14,550.00
Havre de Grace Middle School	\$ 7,760.00
North Harford Middle School	\$ 21,340.00
Southampton Middle School	\$ 21,340.00
Patterson Mill Middle School	\$ 14,550.00
Magnolia Middle Schools	\$ 11,640.00
Fallston Middle Schools	\$ 7,760.00
Bel Air Middle School	\$ 21,340.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 128,040.00</b>

The contracting vehicle for this procurement is a sole source agreement. This agreement is sole source because PLTW is the only organization that can provide this because of the specific components needed in accordance with the curriculum. The pricing model for the hardware components of this agreement are competitively bid each year by PLTW.

Funds for this project are from the Office of Business, Technology, and Magnet Programs' Operating Budget.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education accept the recommendation made by the Purchasing Department to award this purchase to Project Lead The Way (PLTW) in the amount of \$128,040.00.