

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DECISION ON AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PARAEDUCATOR LAPTOPS

MAY 10, 2021

Background Information:

The Purchasing Department, on behalf of the Office of Technology, is requesting approval to award a contract to Dell Financial Services, LLC, located at One Dell Way, Round Rock, TX, 78682, in the amount of \$536,130.

Discussion:

The Office of Technology is requesting the approval of a four (4) year lease of six hundred ninety (690) Dell laptops for all Paraeducators throughout the district. The total cost of the four (4) year lease is \$536,130, with four (4) annual payments of \$134,032.50. This purchase will prepare HCPS Paraeducators to move into a digital environment. The catalyst for the procurement of the laptop devices is twofold; COVID-19 has highlighted a shortcoming with delivering instruction remotely without an adequate device and HCPS' desire for every instructor to be immersed, instructing and learning, with a mobile device.

The contracting vehicle for this procurement is the MEEC IT Hardware Contract #UMD 972016, by the University of Maryland College Park. The pricing model for this agreement reflects discounts extended to Maryland school districts and other public education agencies.

The funds for the lease are from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER 1) and the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER).

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education accept the recommendation made by the Purchasing Department and award the contract to Dell Financial Services, LLC, in the amount of \$536,130.

The MEEC contract is effective through March 14, 2023 with the option to be renewed for one (1) additional, three (3) year term, which will extend the contract through March 14, 2026.