
To: Mark Pantel
From: Chris Speier CS
Date: March 1, 2007
RE: Approval of TAMU Contract purchases

Mark,

I would like to submit that we approve the use of two Master Agreements that were awarded to MicroAge College Station by Texas A&M University (TAMU).

- TAMU Master Agreement M400334 for IT (computer, software, peripheral – RFP Main 04-0006) purchases
- TAMU Master Agreement M500441 for AV(audio/video, multimedia- RFP Main 05-0011) purchases

These master agreements were awarded to MicroAge in 2004 and 2005 by the TAMU Department of Purchasing Services and are scheduled to expire in 2008 and 2010. Prior to expiration, TAMU will solicit new Request for Proposals and award new master agreements based on their volume of purchases.

Our interlocal agreement with TAMU that was amended in December 2004 gives us access to such contracts, and the contracts themselves contained the following statement regarding use by K-12 school districts – *“In addition to the extension of the pricing to Texas A&M, proposers are requested to extend the pricing, and all terms and conditions offered in their proposal to state agencies listed as institutions of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, Government Code Section 2155.134, as well as other State of Texas “Certified”, public educational entities (e.g. – Community Colleges, K – 12 schools and school districts, etc.). In the event an award is made, the individual agencies may or may not elect to use the agreement”.*

Throughout the course of the year we have found that pricing set forth in these contracts has been below any other pricing we have compared it with, including DIR, TCPN and Region 6 Cooperatives. I think it is in the best interests of CSISD to take advantage of the purchasing opportunities provided by TAMU and include these master agreements as an option for these type purchases.