COLLEGE STATION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

To:	Tim Harkrider, Superintendent
From:	Carmella Shafer, Director of Purchasing
Date:	July 8, 2025
Subject:	Renewal Purchase of School Bus Routing and Accountability Software for Transportation
Agenda Item:	J –13.

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Department has been utilizing software to formulate bus routes and notify parents of their child's bus stop location and time. The district transports over 4,000 students every morning and afternoon between 85 routes. In 2024, the transportation department realized the need for additional features and set up demonstrations with three different companies that provide this service. They reached out to other districts, and I got really good feedback on Transfinder. Ultimately, deciding that Transfinder provides the best value for the district. Transfinder's solutions include school bus routing software, student attendance, GPS, in-vehicle tablets, parent apps and district communication, school bus tracking, driver navigation, electronic forms and data management, driver and bus monitor time-keeping software, reporting, and tracking for our entire fleet. Their software will allow for the parents to register their child to ride the bus, assist with TEA and other required reporting, onboard navigation, GPS location of buses, updates from our student SIS nightly with address changes and new students, and contact information in case of an emergency. It also includes a parent app that allows the parent to see when and where their child boards and exits the bus, additionally, it gives parents the ability to set up a location notification, so the parent has an eta of arrival. Campuses will also have access to Viewfinder at their fingertips to assist parents right away.

It is the recommendation of Carmella Shafer, Director of Purchasing, and Shanon Calltharp, Director of Transportation, to purchase the software for school year 2025-26 from Transfinder Corporation, in the amount of $122,450.00 based on BuyBoard contract 760-25 using general funds.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of Transfinder software from Transfinder Corporation for 2025-2026 through BuyBoard contract 760-25 in the amount of $122,450.00 utilizing general funds.

Shannon Calltharp
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Date	Invoice #
4/1/2025	61626

Bill To
College Station ISD **1812 Welsh Avenue** **College Station, TX 77840** **Attn: Accounts Payable**

Ship To
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P.O. Number	Terms	Rep	Ship	Via	F.O.B.	Project
	NET 45	HR...	4/1/2025			

Quantity	Item Code	Description	Price Each	Amount
	Enterprise M...	Enterprise Mobility Management Platform Annual Fee	11,340.00	11,340.00T
	Data Plan	Cellular Data Plan Effective: 07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026	51,030.00	51,030.00T
		Vertex Tax: State Texas: 0.00, County Brazos: 0.00, City College Station: 0.00	0.00%	0.00
		Sales Tax	0.00%	0.00

** ACH PAYMENT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Total $62,370.00

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P.O. Number	Terms	Rep	Ship	Via	F.O.B.	Project
	NET 45		**5/1/2025**			

Quantity	Item Code	Description	Price Each	Amount
	Maintenance	**Annual Technical Support & Upgrade** **Effective: 07/01/2025 to 06/30/2026** ***Routefinder Plus, GPS Connect, Satellite Imagery Service, Servicefinder, Stopfinder, Tripfinder, Viewfinder, and Wayfinder**	**60,080.00**	**60,080.00T**
		Vertex Tax: State Texas: 0.00, County Brazos: 0.00, City College Station: 0.00	**0.00%**	**0.00**
		Sales Tax	**0.00%**	**0.00**

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Total **$60,080.00**

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