



Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

ACTION MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Public Education for Bibb County ("Board")
Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

From: Dr. Cassandra Miller-Washington
Executive Director of CTAE/CEO of Hutchings CCA

Dr. Lori Rodgers
Assistant Superintendent of District Effectiveness and Federal Programs

Subject: Advanced Manufacturing Equipment

Summary

The Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) Department will introduce an additional CTAE pathway at the Innovation and Technology Academy aligned with advanced manufacturing industries within the Macon-Bibb County community. This expansion will ensure that students graduate equipped with employability skills that directly meet the advanced manufacturing workforce needs of our local community.

Background

The CTAE Department and the Macon Bibb County Industrial Authority worked closely with Southern Educational Systems to align advanced manufacturing equipment with local manufacturing companies, ensuring that our future-ready workforce graduates have the required skills needed to create a continuous workforce pipeline. Southern Educational Systems has been vetted and approved as a sole source vendor for Bibb County School District, Advanced Manufacturing Equipment Purchase. The 20-21 ESPLOST (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) is the funding source for purchasing the requested equipment.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Bibb County Board of Education approves a purchase order for Southern Educational Systems in the amount of \$1,836,289.65 for the purchase of Advanced Manufacturing Equipment. The funding source is 2021 ESPLOST.

Superintendent's Comments and Approval

Superintendent's Signature	Approved / Not Approved
Dr. Dan A. Sims	Approved