

APPENDIX C

Contracts Requiring Board Approval (contracts over \$250,000 and Consulting Services over \$50,000)

#	User/Budget Holder School/Department	Products/Services Details	Ward	Recommended Supplier	Low Bid/ Highest Score	Objections	# of Bids Rec'd	Estimated Annual Amount	Projected Start/End Date of Contract	Customer Involvement
1	IT Services	Software Defined Wide Area Network (SDWAN) Equipment and Maintenance See Appendix "D"	N/A	IBM Canada	Yes	No	5	\$2,845,362 *total over 3 year agreement	July 31 2020 to July 30 2023	IT Services / Purchasing Services

BRIEFING NOTE

Date 29 July 2020

To Special Finance, Budget & Enrolment Committee

From Peter Singh, Executive Officer, Information Technology and Information Management, 416-396-5700

Subject **SD-WAN Equipment & Maintenance**

Purpose This required equipment is part of the Ministry's Broadband Modernization Program to deliver 1 MB/second to every student in Ontario. With this target being met, TDSB will ensure that every student has more than adequate access to online resources for the foreseeable future.

The equipment will perform SD-WAN (Software Defined Wide Area Network) functions to meet this target. Every school in TDSB will have this equipment deployed.

IT Services has determined through extensive testing that Palo Alto SD-WAN products meet all technical requirements. In addition, IT staff have existing knowledge of the Palo Alto products as these are deployed today to filter our Internet traffic thus adding a layer of protection from cyberattacks, data breaches etc. Based on this, and in compliance with the Centralized Procurement Interim Measures, the seven (7) vendors of record from the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services list (Tender 11558) that are able to provide the Palo Alto products were invited to bid on the TDSB requirements. Five (5) bids were received, and IBM Canada was lowest priced submission.

The funding for this equipment is earmarked specifically for the Ministry of Education's Broadband Modernization Program.

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