

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 41-24/25

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF THE PURCHASE OF A DIGITAL PLANETARIUM DOME THEATER SYSTEM FROM EVANS & SUTHERLAND COMPUTER CORP. BASED UPON THE FINDING THAT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WOULD NOT PRODUCE ANY ADVANTAGE

WHEREAS, an up-to-date digital planetarium dome theater system provides invaluable instructional experience for customized learning in Astronomy and other disciplines as well as show programming with educational activities.

WHEREAS, Evans & Sutherland Computer Corp. provides a full-dome video playback, real-time computer graphics, and a complete 3D digital astronomy package fully integrated into a single theatre system; and

WHEREAS, Evans & Sutherland Computer Corp. provides an exclusively advanced level cloud library software which connects directly to sites such as the Griffith Observatory, Adler Planetarium, U.S. Air Force Academy, etc. to facilitate the daily exchange of current content; and

WHEREAS, Evans & Sutherland Computer Corp. delivers a wealth of diverse and continually growing content including STEAM, ESO Data, High-Resolutions Planetary Surfaces, Science on a Sphere, Data 2 Dome, sky surveys, and massive astronomical databases; and

WHEREAS, California Public Contract Code Section 20651 requires the District to advertise publicly for bids for the purchase of goods or services involving an expenditure which exceeds the state-mandated bid limit; and

WHEREAS, sufficient evidence exists for the Board of Trustees to support a finding that a competitive bidding process is not feasible or practical, and that a sole source procurement is in the best interest of the District, permitting an exception to be allowed under these circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the District has undertaken research into various other digital planetarium dome theater system providers, none of which can match the unique system capabilities that would properly serve the exceptional instructional experience; and


WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to let a purchase order without formal, public advertising and receiving of bids.

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Dredging v. Long Beach (1930) 210 Cal. 348 hold that statutes requiring competitive bidding do not apply when competitive bidding would work an incongruity and not produce any advantage; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT, the District requests to purchase a digital planetarium dome theater system from Evans & Sutherland Computer Corp.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the foregoing reasons are sufficient to support a finding by the Board of Trustees that it is in the District's best interest to authorize the letting of sole source procurement, as needed, to Evans & Sutherland Computer Corp.

ADOPTED this 19th day of November 2024.



Jose Alcala
President of the Board of Trustees
Riverside Community College District