

STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
Contract Amendment for Environmental, Safety, and Health Compliance
FY 2017-18

Request: The State Board is requested to approve an amendment to the contract with Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) to purchase a BullEx® BullsEye Digital Fire Extinguisher Training System. The purchasing of this system will provide the ability to train Community College and System Office staff in the proper use of and limitations of fire extinguishers. The training will also provide the ability to recognize fire hazards and react safely and responsibly as required by OSHA 1910.157(g)(1) *“Where the employer has provided portable fire extinguishers for employee use in the workplace, the employer shall also provide an educational program to familiarize employees with the general principles of fire extinguisher use and the hazards involved with incipient stage fire fighting. (g)(2) The employer shall provide the education required in paragraph (g)(1) of this section upon initial employment and at least annually thereafter.”* This amendment provides for a one-time increase to cover the cost to procure the training system as described for a cost not to exceed \$17,194.

Background: Since November 1992, the Community College System has had a contract to assist the colleges in fulfilling this requirement. Since 2001, BRCC has provided the assistance through the Environmental Safety Training Program. On May 19, 2017, the State Board of Community Colleges approved the FY 2017-18 contract for services in the amount of \$280,000.

Rationale for Contract: To further fulfill the state and federal regulations as per OSHA Standards Part 1910.157(g)(1) for proper training of staff in the use of fire extinguishers.

- Incorporate fire extinguisher training to Community College and System Office staff.

Method of Procurement: In accordance with the procurement practice of the State of North Carolina, there is no requirement for approval by outside purchasing authorities. This contract is between an institutional agency of the Community College System and the System Office.

Contract Amount and Time Period: The contract period is from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. This amendment includes a one-time cost, not to exceed \$17,194; therefore, the total FY 2017-18 contract with Blue Ridge Community College is \$297,194.

Fund Availability: The funding is available from FY 2017-18 State General Fund Appropriations.

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