

# **RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

## **RESOLUTION NO. 39-17/18**

### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT OF EDUNAV, INC. STUDENT ACADEMIC PLANNING SOFTWARE, MAINTENANCE AND FUTURE PRODUCT ENHANCEMENT SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT AND FOR AWARD OF SERVICE AGREEMENT TO EDUNAV, INC. BASED UPON THE FINDING THAT COMPETITIVE BIDDING WOULD NOT PRODUCE ANY ADVANTAGE**

**WHEREAS**, the passage of SB1456, the Student Success and Support Program (SSSP), requires colleges to adopt an online student education planning tool; and

**WHEREAS**, a districtwide online student education planning workgroup facilitated monthly meetings and demonstrations since 2013 exploring products and processes related to online education planning; and

**WHEREAS**, EduNav engaged in a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding on June 30, 2017 to build and refine the EduNav Campus service to ensure the needs of Riverside Community College District students are met; and

**WHEREAS**, the EduNav guided pathways solution uses our existing degree audit system to automatically create comprehensive and abbreviated plans for all students as defined by SSSP regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, EduNav service demonstrates a unique and innovative concept for student academic planning analogous to that of a GPS system's automatic recalculation of the best route to a location in real-time as circumstances change; and

**WHEREAS**, EduNav recalculates and revises the student's entire education plan and class schedule as conditions change in course offerings or the student's status; and

**WHEREAS**, EduNav guided pathways solution is completely dynamic detecting changes in elements of the plan, such as a class section filling up, a student registering to a different course, or a new hold on a student's record to take a particular class, and automatically recalculates and updates the entire plan, replacing courses where necessary, to keep the student on the most optimal path to completion under the new circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, EduNav alerts students when a change the student is considering causes the plan to be longer (one or more terms) or when taking 1-2 additional credits can save a term; and

**WHEREAS**, EduNav Optimize aggregates and analyzes all student plans to optimize the institutional class schedule, assuring courses have enough capacity and eliminating excess, where applicable, for optimizing enrollment management districtwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum guarantees subscription discounts if RCCD signs a subscription agreement with EduNav; 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**, because the District has undertaken research into various other online student education planning providers, none of which can match the unique guided pathways system capabilities that would properly serve the District's education planning purposes for its students; and

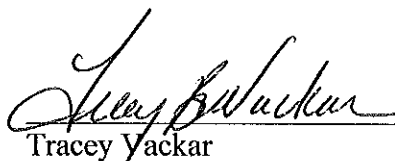
**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the District to let a purchase order contract without formal, public advertising and receiving of bids.

**WHEREAS**, Meakin v. Steveland (1977) 68 Cal.App.3d 490 and 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 enter into a Service Agreement between Riverside Community College District and EduNav, Inc.

**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 contracts, as needed, to EduNav, Inc.

ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

  
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Tracey Yackar  
President of the Board of Trustees  
Riverside Community College District