**Sauk Valley Community College**

**February 26, 2018**

**Action Item 5.12**

**Topic: Robotic Welder Equipment**

**Strategic Direction: Goal 1, Objective 2 – Be responsive to community needs by offering new and appropriate academic programs and classes**

**Presented By: Dr. David Hellmich and Dr. Jon Mandrell**

**Presentation:**

The College has been working with Multicraft and Welding advisory councils to upgrade the Welding and Multicraft programs and to support their growing enrollments.  There is a great need for a second robotic welder as we have reached capacity in serving students with just one trainer.

The College sent bid documents to five companies and advertised in the *Dixon Telegraph* and the *Sterling Daily Gazette.* Two bids were received.

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| Vendor | Bid Amount |
| SJ Smith, Rock Falls, IL | $64,700.00 |
| Depco Ent, Minooka, IL | $67,923.00 |

The bid specifications were reviewed by welding faculty Scott Gillihan, Associate Professor, Steve McPherson of the Electronics/Technology program, Josh West, Director of Career & Tech Programs, and Jon Mandrell, VP of Academics. The equipment meets the required specifications. Funding Bonds will be used for this purchase.

**Recommendation:**

The administration recommends the Board approve the purchase of the Robotic Welder Equipment from SJ Smith Company in the amount of $64,700.