



Board of Directors Business Meeting
Agenda Action Item

Item Title

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT NO. TSD-25-100 BETWEEN AMERICA'S AUTOMOTIVE TRUST AND TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 FROM MAY 15, 2025 - JANUARY 7, 2026.

Department

Planning & Construction

Board Meeting Date

June 12, 2025

Background

(Contract No. TSD-25-100) Regional Robotics Center, the America's Automotive Trust (AAT) will provide the land and the District has pledged funding for the Center's construction. This project will enhance STEM education and career education programming for districts in Pierce County, South King County, and the Chief Leschi Tribal School. The Center will also support higher education and economic development through regional and national competitions. TPS is expected to receive a no-cost land lease on the AAT property to build the Center.

This immersive experience will engage youth in STEM, robotics, and advanced technology careers, aligning with workforce development priorities by equipping students with industry-relevant skills in automation, engineering, and emerging technologies—sectors critical to Washington’s economic future. By partnering with higher education, local industry, and national robotics networks, the Center will prepare young innovators for the future. As automation, AI, and advanced manufacturing reshape the workforce, the Center will empower students to lead in "the future of everything" —from smart mobility to sustainable design. The Center is a bold investment in educational equity, workforce alignment, and Washington’s leadership in global innovation.

Current Consideration

It is requested that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-25-100 between America's Automotive Trust and Tacoma School District No. 10 for the initial planning and design phase of the Regional Robotics Center from May 15, 2025 - January 7, 2026.

Fiscal Implication

Tacoma School District No. 10 capital funds will pay for relevant project management consulting services associated with this early work and collaboration with America's Automotive Trust (AAT), including project management and design build team services.

Recommendation

The Chief Operating Officer, on behalf of the Executive Director of Planning and Construction recommends that the Board of Directors approve Contract No. TSD-25-100 between America's Automotive Trust and Tacoma School District No. 10 for the initial planning and design phase of the Regional Robotics Center from May 15, 2025 - January 7, 2026 [Funding Source: Capital Funds].

Strategic Benchmark

Partnership and Participation, Family Engagement, and Community Engagement.

Approved By

Chief Operating Officer

Christopher Williams