

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

**COMMITTEE:** Administration and Finance

**ITEM:** Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute Agreements for Equipment and Services

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:**

**SUMMARY:**

The Administration requests approval to negotiate and execute agreements for the procurement and renewal of enterprise technology equipment and services.

This request is necessary to sustain the University's core technology infrastructure and ensure the continued reliability, security, and performance of systems that support academic instruction, research, and administrative operations.

The proposed scope includes renewal and enhancement of mission-critical platforms and services, including:

- Nutanix licensing supporting the University's virtual machine infrastructure (DIR-CPO-5687) (Renewal)
- Cohesity DataProtect services providing secure, off-site disaster recovery capabilities (Renewal)
- Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) supports network authentication for VPN and campus wireless access (TSU-Net) (Renewal)
- Infoblox services for the management and security of Domain Name System (DNS) operations (Renewal)
- NetApp storage renewal and expansion to meet increasing data and system demands (DIR-CPO-5362) (Renewal/Expansion)
- Network topology redesign to improve redundancy, strengthen resiliency, and enhance overall network performance (New Agreement)

The University awards contracts to a respondent whose proposal provides the best value to the State of Texas and Texas Southern University, as defined by Texas Government Code, § 2155.074.

In accordance with Texas Education Code § 51.9335, this procurement will be executed through a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Department of Information Resources (DIR).

The Administration recommends Prescriptive for this award. Prescriptive is not a Veteran Heroes United in Business (VetHUB), and Form 1295 has been submitted.

Contract Term: 1 year

**SUPPORTING**

**DOCUMENTATION:** Prescriptive Quotes (Under Separate Cover)

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Cost not to exceed \$400,000 | BOA0001695  
FOAP: 1104-31200-7380-50 - (Non-State Appropriated Funds)

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Administration recommends approval of this item

**Legal Certification:** Based on available information to date, this action item and its implementation will not be in violation of any applicable federal, state, or local law, or regulation.



GENERAL COUNSEL

04/01/2026

DATE

**Fiscal Certification:** This fiscal note shown above details the true and actual positive or negative fiscal effect that implementation of this proposal will achieve.



John Pittman (Mar 31, 2026 17:11:38 CDT)

INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

03/31/2026

DATE



James Crawford (Apr 7, 2026 13:37:58 CDT)

PRESIDENT

04/07/2026

DATE