

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

COMMITTEE: Administration and Finance

ITEM: Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute a Network Services Agreement

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: None

SUMMARY:

The Administration respectfully requests approval to negotiate and execute an agreement to procure enterprise network services in support of the University's digital infrastructure. After internal review of the SoTX DIR, SoTX DIR revised their procurement process for service requests and now handle all orders and billing for services, which requires Texas Southern University to modify their previous DIR agreement. This request aligns TSU with the DIR guidance.

The proposed scope includes the delivery of a 10 Gigabit Enterprise Dedicated Internet (EDI) service via a fiber-based network, providing dedicated, symmetrical bandwidth to ensure consistent and reliable data transmission. These services are critical to supporting academic instruction, administrative operations, and institutional connectivity requirements.

The agreement will establish a high-performance, secure, and low-latency network environment, supported by a comprehensive service level framework that includes guaranteed uptime, defined performance standards, and continuous 24/7 monitoring and technical support to ensure operational continuity.

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) under Contract No. DIR-TELE-CTSA-002/CTSA-010.

Contract Term: 3 Year

SUPPORTING

DOCUMENTATION: Scope of Work

FISCAL IMPACT: Not to exceed \$250,000 Annually
1000 31200 7276 50 (Non-State Appropriated Funds) | BOA0001642

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

03/31/2026

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 16:39:13 CDT)

INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

03/31/2026

DATE



James Crawford (Apr 7, 2026 15:50:56 CDT)

PRESIDENT

04/07/2026

DATE