

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

**COMMITTEE:** Administration and Finance

**ITEM:** Request Approval to Negotiate and Execute Cellular Services (New Contract)

**DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:**

**SUMMARY:**

The Administration respectfully requests approval to negotiate and execute an agreement for cellular services to support mission-critical communications across the University.

These services provide reliable connectivity for departmental devices issued to staff, supporting both the Office of Information Technology and the Department of Public Safety, and are essential to sustaining business continuity and disaster recovery operations during emergency incidents. The agreement also enables cellular connectivity for campus emergency (“blue light”) phones, ensuring uninterrupted access to emergency response systems and strengthening campus safety infrastructure. These services further support compliance with Texas Commission on Law Enforcement standards.

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-003.

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

Contract Term: 3 Years

**SUPPORTING**

**DOCUMENTATION:** Verizon DIR-TELE-CTSA-003 (Under Separate Cover)

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Cost not to exceed \$95,000 Annually | BOA0001646  
Various FOAPs (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 (Apr 1, 2026 11:52:04 CDT)

INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

04/01/2026

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PRESIDENT

04/07/2026

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