

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

COMMITTEE: Administration and Finance

ITEM: Approval is Requested to Purchase Cybersecurity Services

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED:

SUMMARY:

The Administration requests approval to procure Managed Detection and Response (MDR) services to enhance our cybersecurity program. MDR represents a comprehensive cybersecurity solution combining advanced technology with expert human analysis to detect and mitigate cyber threats. This service provides continuous threat hunting, monitoring, and incident response capabilities, enabling us to efficiently identify and address sophisticated and concealed threats. Furthermore, the MDR services will support system restoration following security incidents.

In accordance with Texas Education Code § 51.9335, a cooperative agreement, E & I Cooperative Services, Contract#: EI00063-2021MA, was used to procure these services.

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.

The University recommends Carahsoft Technology Corp. for this award. Carahsoft is not a HUB vendor and form 1295 has been submitted.

SUPPORTING

DOCUMENTATION: Proposal (Under Separate cover)

FISCAL IMPACT: Cost not to exceed \$275,000
FOAP: 1000 31200 7395 50 | BOA0001548

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

03/26/2025

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 26, 2025 16:23 CDT)

INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

03/26/2025

DATE



James Crawford (Mar 28, 2025 11:38 CDT)

PRESIDENT

03/28/2025

DATE