

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

COMMITTEE: Administration and Finance

ITEM: Request Approval to Execute a Contract for Dining Services

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: N/A

SUMMARY:

The Administration requests approval to execute a contract for comprehensive food services at Texas Southern University. We engaged in a rigorous process to identify a partner-not merely a food service vendor-who comprehends and champions our vision for elevating the student experience. This engagement is not simply transactional; it embodies a strategic partnership designed to expand and enrich student life on campus while also addressing critical facility deficits that may impact student matriculation.

Through this contract, we have secured a package of support that guarantees operational excellence and fosters a vibrant campus dining atmosphere that caters to the evolving needs of our student body. The proposed scope of services encompasses the preparation and distribution of student meals in accordance with dietary and nutritional standards; the management and administration of campus meal plans to accommodate the diverse needs of the University community; catering and concession services for University programs, events, and functions; and the operation and maintenance of on-campus dining venues and retail food establishments.

This proposed 10-year contractual arrangement is designed to reinforce the University's commitment to delivering consistent, safe, and high-quality food services. It aims to align with the dietary, operational, and logistical needs of the University's diverse stakeholders.

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.

A Request for Proposal (RFP 717-25-703) was posted on the Electronic State Business Daily and Texas Southern University websites to solicit proposals, as defined by Texas Government Code, 2155.074.

The University recommends Chartwells Higher Ed for this award. Chartwells is not a HUB vendor and form 1295 has been submitted.

SUPPORTING

DOCUMENTATION: Executive Summary (Under Separate Cover)

FISCAL IMPACT: Revenue Generated Contract

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

05/23/2025

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 (May 23, 2025 18:53 CDT)

INTERIM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

05/23/2025

DATE



James Crawford (May 31, 2025 13:25 CDT)

PRESIDENT

05/31/2025

DATE