SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

AGENDA ITEM VII-E

Consideration and possible action to approve amending the cloud security contract pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 2155, with Microsoft Corporation to add \$750,000 for additional cloud security services to the contract.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Background Information:

In September 2021, The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board entered into a contract with Microsoft Corporation to implement the Cloud Security Initiative, which focused on three main workstreams:

- a) Zero Trust Security
- b) Azure Security Modernization
- c) Azure Sentinel Foundation

The project team has successfully established baseline security controls in the agency's new cloud environment, Azure, and designed and implemented the agency's first cloud-based Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) solution, Sentinel.

Staff recommends approving the amendment of the contract for the following additional deliverables:

- a) Network and infrastructure protection
- b) Data management and protection
- c) User and endpoints protection
- d) Support services for GEER funded projects

Mr. Miguel Olivas, Information Security Officer, will present this item and be available to answer questions.