SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Committee on Innovation, Data, and Educational Analytics

AGENDA ITEM V-D

Consideration and possible action to approve amending the staff augmentation and technology service contracts pursuant to Rule 1.16 and Government Code, Chapter 2155, with Daman Consulting Incorporated to increase funding, including exceeding $5 million, and extending the contracts from September 30, 2022, to September 30, 2023, for:
   (1) contractors working directly on the Data Modernization Initiative project; and
   (2) backfill positions for the data modernization staff augmentation project

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Total Project Cost: Up to $10,600,000
Source of Funds: Federal funds allocated through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund

Background Information:

At the April 2022 board meeting, the board of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) approved amending existing contracts for contract staff augmentation to support the Data Modernization Initiative (DMI) and to provide backfill support to the Information Systems and Services (ISS) team. Contracts with the vendor – Daman Consulting – have been extended to allow additional work to be completed through September 30, 2022.

Staff is requesting to amend these contracts to support work to be completed between October 1, 2022, and September 30, 2023, the expenditure deadline for the final allocation of GEER funds. This amendment supports completion of DMI deliverables that are essential to full functionality of the new infrastructure and provides backfill support to keep agency systems operational. With these proposed extensions, the DMI-related contract will exceed the $5 million threshold. The 'up to' amounts for each contract are as follows:
   • Backfill contract -- up to $3,500,000
   • DMI contract -- up to $7,100,000

THECB staff recommend approving the extension of these agreements to secure the technology resources necessary to move forward with implementing projects related to the Data Modernization Initiative.

Ms. Lori Fey, Deputy Commissioner for Data Analytics and Innovation, will present this item and be available to answer questions.