

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

COMMITTEE: Administration & Finance

ITEM: Request Approval of Additional Spending Authority for Columbia Advisory Group Information Technology Staff Augmentation Services

DATE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED: Recurring Item; Originally approved by the Board on April 17, 2023.

SUMMARY:

The Administration requests approval to increase the contract funding authority with Columbia Advisory Group for two separate Information Technology agreements: the **IT Staff Augmentation Services Agreement** and the **Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) Services Agreement**.

The **IT Staff Augmentation Services Agreement** originally began September 1, 2024, with an initial one-year term ending August 31, 2025. The agreement included annual renewal options and has subsequently been extended for two additional one-year terms. The current and final extension covers the period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027. Additional funding requirement for this agreement is \$1,754,000.

The **Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC) Services Agreement** began September 1, 2024, with an original three-year contract term. This agreement remains in effect through August 31, 2027. Additional funding requirement for this agreement is \$58,000.

The not-to-exceed amount approved by the Board on July 28, 2026, was \$650,000 which the University anticipates exhausting in October 2026. The Administration therefore requests additional funding authority not to exceed \$1,812,000 to support services under these agreements through August 31, 2027.

Under the **IT Staff Augmentation Services Agreement**, Columbia Advisory Group will continue to provide technology personnel and expertise supporting the planning, implementation, operation, and management of university technology services, including:

- IT leadership and delivery management
- Infrastructure and operations
- Project management
- Application management
- Banner programming and student module support

Under the **GRC Services Agreement**, Columbia Advisory Group will continue to provide specialized governance, risk, compliance, and cybersecurity services, including support for regulatory compliance, cybersecurity assessments, risk management, security controls, and related governance activities.

These GRC services support the University's compliance with **Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 202** requirements applicable to information security and cybersecurity at state institutions, including activities related to NIST cybersecurity controls, security assessments, and risk-based vulnerability management.

Approval of the requested additional contract authority will allow the University to continue receiving necessary IT staffing and GRC services through the expiration of both agreements on August 31, 2027.

Procurement Method

In accordance with Texas Education Code § 51.9335, these services are procured through a cooperative purchasing agreement via TIPS Contract 220105, establishing the best value for the University as defined by Texas Government Code § 2155.074.

Columbia Advisory Group has submitted the required Form 1295. The firm not a Veteran Heroes United in Business (VetHUB) and is not publicly traded.

APPLICABLE FEDERAL OR STATE STATUTE(S) AND/OR REGULATION(S):

**TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS AGENDA**

Texas Government Code §2155.144 – Best Value Procurement
Texas Education Code § 51.9335

Contract Term

Contract Extension

November 2026 to August 2027 | LMC0005141, LMC0005144, LMC0005417, LMC0005502

FISCAL IMPACT: Not-to-Exceed (NTE)| \$1,812,000
1000-31200-7242-50 | Non-State-Appropriated Funds

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

Governance, Risk, and Compliance Services Proposal and IT Management Proposal Amendment
(Under Separate Cover)

RELATED BOARD BYLAW, POLICY AND/OR MAPP: Board Policy 51.01 (Contracts); MAPP 03.02.03
(Procurement); MAPP 08.04.01 (Contract
Administration)

ACTION REQUESTED: The Administration recommends approval of this item.

ASCEND 2030 UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC INITIATIVES ALIGNMENT:

- 1.2 Drive student success and outcomes
- 3.1 Improve student experience — streamline processes/technology
- 4.1 Update and optimize technology platforms and data governance
- 4.3 Introduce new technologies into classroom and curriculum"

Legal Certification: Based on available information to date, this agenda item and its implementation will not be in violation of any applicable federal, state, or local law or regulation.



GENERAL COUNSEL

09/03/2026

DATE

Fiscal Certification: This fiscal note, shown above, details the true and actual positive or negative fiscal effect that implementation of this agenda item will have and the detailed reasons for such effect.


J'Maine Chubb (Sep 3, 2026 19:59:34 CDT)

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

09/03/2026

DATE


James Crawford (Sep 3, 2026 20:11:37 CDT)

PRESIDENT

09/03/2026

DATE