

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
November 5, 2014

SUBJECT: Sunshine State Education and Research Computing Alliance (SSERCA)
Legislative Budget Request

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information and discussion

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This request is for funding to build a statewide infrastructure to support collaborative research in the age of big data. This infrastructure is expected to make researchers in the SUS more competitive in their research activities and in obtaining external funding for their research projects. The proposed service will be provided by the Sunshine State Education and Research Computing Alliance (SSERCA) through the member institutions (UF, FSU, USF, UCF, FIU, and UM) and consists of the following components:

1. The one-time acquisition of data storage systems for \$1,000,000 at each of the six institutions acting as part of the SSERCA organization (**non-recurring**), with \$60,000 per year annual maintenance contracts at each of the six institutions (**recurring**).
2. Provide one expert person at each of the six institutions to support the use of the service for \$91,000 per year (**recurring**).

An aligned budget request will be presented through the Department of Education from partner institution University of Miami to provide the seventh component of the state-wide integrated storage system for \$1,000,000 with \$60,000 per year annual maintenance contract and a full time expert support staff at \$91,000 per year.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Sunshine State Education and Research
Computing Alliance (SSERCA) LBR
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Facilitators/Presenters:

University Representative