

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Facilities Committee
September 3, 2015**

SUBJECT: Funding of Facilities Benchmarking Services

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Discussion Only

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The universities and BOG staff have been strategizing how to best address deferred maintenance. Currently, 4 of the 12 universities utilize services called Sightlines, and its product called ROPA+ (Return on Physical Assets). The Sightlines vendor has software for facilities benchmarking, capital planning, space management, and campus sustainability. The product is called ROPA+ (Return on Physical Assets). ROPA+ consistently measures and tracks campus performance overtime. UCF currently uses the services and has agreed to share a report on their campus.

There would be a benefit to having a SUS wide look at facilities benchmarking, and it may assist with data to support deferred maintenance requests. The shared initiatives group has been discussing the possibility of having a SUS shared contract for the software. FSU has agreed to take the lead in negotiating a state-wide contract and is analyzing the contract information from other universities.

With funding, the entire system would be able to purchase the software service and provide a consistent report for facilities benchmarking across of the system. It would also allow for comparison with other state university systems on a nationwide basis. Based on initial discussions, we anticipate significant savings can be realized from a system purchase. For reference purposes, the estimated cost on a system basis for the product would be approximately \$400,000 recurring; and \$500,000 would be non-recurring for one-time start-up costs. We hope to negotiate better pricing; however, this is dependent to some degree on university participation.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

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