

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

**SUBJECT:** Funding Request Related to Facilities Benchmarking Services

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider a funding request in the amount of \$900,000 for services and software for facilities benchmarking as part of the 2016-17 Operating LBR request related to SUS shared services savings. Of this amount, approximately \$400,000 would be recurring; \$500,000 would be non-recurring for one-time start-up costs.

**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. If approved, the funding request will be submitted as part of the 2016-2017 Operating LBR.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Information located in the Facilities Committee materials