



State University System Efficiencies

Universities were requested to provide an update on efficiencies they have completed, undertaken or are in the process of initiating.

The following are a few examples of the efficiencies administered throughout the system:

Completed Efficiencies:

- Implemented Workday for Finance and Human Capital Management task and approval management, as well as online document storing and reporting – FAU;
- Implemented electronic solicitation utilizing DemandStar.com at no cost to the university. The tool allows the university to send and receive electronic solicitations to and from suppliers, eliminating the need for paper solicitations and overnight courier services for the vendors - FIU;
- Implemented operating guides, standardized forms, and regulated processes for continued project tracking and cost savings – estimated savings of \$500,000 – FPU;
- Partnered with the Cyberterrorism Defense Analysis Center in coordination with the Criminal Justice Institute and the University of Arkansas System to offer Cyberterrorism Defense Initiative training, a comprehensive, integrated series of courses that incorporates best practices, procedures and methodologies for cyber protection and response – estimated savings of \$140,500 – FSU;
- Purchased new computer inventory software for more transparent reporting and analysis – estimated savings of \$3,400 - NCF;
- Utilities and Energy Services authored and developed a campus-wide natural gas supply Invitation to Negotiation (ITN) solicitation. The new contract yielded a 12% reduction in delivered transportation cost – estimated savings of \$75,000 – UCF;

- Implemented online maintenance checks for reporting Automated External Defibrillator (AED) compliance rather than compliance visits from Environmental Health and Safety personnel - estimated savings of \$17,000 annually - UF;
- Negotiated Bank Service Agreements - New Terms and Savings - estimated savings of \$970,000 - USF;
- Purchased 288 additional required print textbooks to support 1000 to 3000 level courses at the institution - estimated savings of \$405,176 - UWF.

On-going efficiencies and/or efficiencies currently underway:

- Participating in cooperative, shared, and state agreements for providing savings opportunities on various products and services;
- Implementing an annual pCard realignment program to assess and reduce the risks associated with unwarranted credit limits;
- Reorganizing and streamlining organizational structures to improve and enhance operational efficiencies;
- Conducting an inventory of lighting and lab equipment to determine energy consumption;
- Installing Skype and MegaMeeting to increase videoconferencing capabilities, training, and other distance learning opportunities;
- Participating in a statewide initiative to track university spending using Rosslyn Analytics, a "common spend" analytics tool used to support shared initiatives across the system;
- Renovating campus space to enhance various curricula activities in a more team-based environment;
- Participating in numerous joint Invitation to Bid opportunities (ITNs) across the system to include, but not limited to, data analytics, collection agencies, travel, LMS, and ecommerce;
- Adopting a statistical academic program planning model that more efficiently allocates institutional resources toward student needs;
- Utilizing a server virtualization tool that results in significant savings in power, cooling, networking, and space requirements;
- Realizing cost reductions in water and sewer usages.

For detailed reports by institution, please contact the Board of Governors General Office.