



USF Board of Trustees

Friday, January 19, 2024
Microsoft Teams Meeting

A G E N D A

I. Call to Order

Chair Will Weatherford

II. New Business – Action Item

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Dean Usha Menon

b. [Affiliation Agreement](#)

Senior Assoc. General Counsel, Hilary Black

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VP Business & Finance, Jennifer Condon

III. Adjournment

Chair Weatherford

Agenda Item: II.a.

USF Board of Trustees
January 19, 2024

Issue: Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund Proposal

Proposed action: Consider approval of a new LINE proposal request to be submitted to the Board of Governors (BOG) for state matching funds.

Executive Summary: The Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) program was created by the Florida Legislature and Gov. DeSantis in Section 1009.8962, Florida Statutes, in 2022. The LINE program is intended to incentivize collaboration between nursing education programs and healthcare partners and to meet local, regional, and state workforce demand by recruiting faculty and clinical preceptors, increasing the capacity of high-quality nursing education programs, and increasing the number of nursing education program graduates who are prepared to enter Florida's workforce.

The LINE program provides an opportunity for each state university to receive dollar-for-dollar matching funds for contributions from healthcare partners to fund nursing education activities permitted under the LINE program. For Fiscal Year 2023-24, the Legislature and Governor appropriated \$6 million to the BOG for the LINE program to administer and award state matching funds to state universities.

The BOG approved LINE proposal awards in both September and November 2023, from which USF's College of Nursing received a total of \$2,090,444 in approved LINE awards (healthcare partners' contributions plus state matching funds). Following the September and November 2023 BOG LINE fund distributions, a total of \$713,997 remains available for additional matching funds from the SUS' LINE fund for FY 2023-24.

Healthcare partner contributed funds and state matching funds under the LINE program may be used for any of the following priorities: student scholarships, recruitment of additional faculty, purchasing or repairing equipment to support the delivery of nursing education, and/or updating nursing simulation centers.

This new LINE proposal from USF's College of Nursing, in partnership with Tampa General Hospital (TGH), is attached in full and is summarized below:

TGH has generously agreed to provide the USF College of Nursing with a contribution of \$500,000 to be matched by the state's SUS LINE fund up to the full \$500,000 in remaining state matching funds. Once received, the contributed funds and state matching funds will be used to enhance undergraduate and graduate level nursing student support by offering scholarships to meet unmet financial needs, removing barriers to early licensure and certification testing due to costs associated with testing applications, and providing financial support to offset student fees related to academic support programming. One specific use of these LINE funds will be to provide USF undergraduate nursing students with a grant equal to 50% of the amount required to complete the NCLEX-RN application process, thereby reducing the time between program completion and testing, resulting in a significantly higher likelihood of passing the NCLEX-RN on the first attempt.

If awarded, these LINE funds will also be used to design and bring into operation a new nursing simulation center and to acquire and install equipment necessary to update USF's simulation and virtual reality education and training offerings. TGH has pledged funds over multiple years to help make available this new state-of-the-art simulation center for USF nursing students. This will allow the USF College of Nursing to increase its student enrollment even in the face of the challenges the college is experiencing in locating adequate clinical placement opportunities in the community to support its current and expanded future enrollment.

Financial Impact:

LINE Proposal: USF College of Nursing and TGH

Program Cost:

Total cost for program support = \$1,000,000

Healthcare partner (TGH's) contribution = \$500,000

LINE contribution from the state (dollar-for-dollar state match) = \$500,000

Strategic Goal(s) Item Supports:

Goal 1: Student Success at USF and beyond

Goal 2: Partnerships and engagement with local, national, and global impact

Goal 5: A strong, sustainable, and adaptable financial base

BOT Committee Review Date: 01/19/2024

Supporting Documentation Online (*please circle*):

Yes

No

Prepared by: Usha Menon, Dean, USF College of Nursing



**State University System
2023-2024 Linking Industry to Nursing Education (LINE) Fund
Proposal Form**

University:	University of South Florida
Healthcare Partner:	Tampa General Hospital
Date Proposal Approved by University Board of Trustees:	Pending USF BOT Approval January 19, 2024
Amount Requested:	\$500,000
University Contact (name, title, phone, & email):	Usha Menon, PhD, RN, FAAN, FSBM Dean and Senior Associate Vice President, 813-974-9091, Umenon@usf.edu
Please check the boxes below as appropriate:	<i>All boxes must be checked in order to be eligible to participate.</i>
Healthcare partner making contribution is located in and licensed to operate in Florida?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Healthcare partner making contribution is a healthcare provider as defined in Section 768.38(2), Florida Statutes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Nursing programs met or exceeded a first-time NCLEX passage rate of 70% for the prior year based on the 2023 Accountability Plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
The funds will be used for an eligible purpose per section 1009.8962, Florida Statutes?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes

Background

The LINE Fund is intended to incentivize collaboration between nursing education programs and healthcare partners and to meet local, regional, and state workforce demand by recruiting faculty and clinical preceptors, increasing the capacity of high-quality nursing education programs, and increasing the number of nursing education program graduates who are prepared to enter the workforce. Subject to available funds, for every dollar contributed to an institution by a healthcare

partner, the fund shall provide a dollar-for-dollar match to the participating institution for approved proposals.

Funds may be used for student scholarships, recruitment of additional faculty, equipment, and simulation centers to advance high-quality nursing education programs throughout the state.

Funds may not be used for the construction of new buildings. To participate, an institution must submit a timely and complete proposal to the Board of Governors for consideration. For more details, see Board of Governors [Regulation 8.008 - Nursing Education](#).

Proposal Details

I. Use of Funds -

The USF College of Nursing (USFCON) provides multiple pathways for students to prepare for initial licensure as baccalaureate-prepared Registered Nurse (RN) or for currently licensed RNs to advance their career by completing programs leading to certification eligibility as Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). The USFCON is actively expanding enrollment in both undergraduate and graduate programs to continue its efforts to ensure a highly-skilled, well-educated, practice-ready workforce in the Tampa Bay region. The USFCON currently enrolls over 700 pre-licensure nursing students and over 300 post-licensure RNs seeking advanced degrees as APRNs. Within the pre-licensure program, 30% of students are considered first-generation, and one in three will require some form of financial aid.

The university, college, faculty, students, and alumni take great pride in the USFCON first-time NCLEX-RN licensure pass rate and APRN certification pass rates that consistently exceed state and national levels. Moreover, our graduate programs are among the most highly sought-after and nationally ranked programs nationwide. However, the success of our graduates on these key quality indicators comes because of extensive focus on student success measures such as our Academic Success Program to enhance the retention, graduation rate, and NCLEX-RN pass rate of undergraduate students and comprehensive certification success programming for APRN students. Additionally, with the increase in undergraduate enrollment projected over the next 5 years, we anticipate more students who need supplemental support to the standard academic programming.

Funds will be used to provide undergraduate and graduate nursing students with best-in-class support for preparing to meet their penultimate goal of successful licensure and certification. Student support will be enhanced by offering scholarships to meet unmet financial needs, removing barriers to early licensure and certification testing due to costs associated with testing applications, and providing financial support to offset student fees related to academic support programming. Additionally, with the increase in student enrollment and the continuing lack of adequate clinical placement opportunities in the community, we need larger simulation space with room for contemporary simulation equipment and education such as integrating virtual reality. To that end, a portion of these funds will be used to fund the design of the new Simulation Center and equipment needed to update our simulation education. Tampa General Hospital has pledged funds over multiple years to help build the new state-of-the-art Simulation Center.

Florida continues to face a critical nurse shortage in the coming years. Fostering relationships early between our students and area healthcare partners such as Tampa General Hospital (TGH) will help develop strong bonds between the USF students benefiting from academic support and scholarship dollars and TGH. The proposed partnership removes financial barriers, provides state-of-the-art academic support programming, ensures that graduates continue to exceed expectations in licensure and certification pass rates, and prepares a world-class nursing workforce that benefits TGH and its communities.

Program Cost:

Total cost of the initiative = \$1,000,000

LINE contribution (dollar-for-dollar match) = \$500,000

Healthcare partner contribution = \$500,000

How USF plans to use the funds:

- Provide Academic Success Support for over 700 undergraduate and 360 graduate students.
- Provide funds to cover the cost of student participation in the USFCON Writer's Block program.
- Provide students with 50% of the funds required to complete the NCLEX-RN application process, thereby reducing the time between program completion and testing, resulting in a significantly higher likelihood of passing the NCLEX-RN on the first attempt.
- Provide tuition support for 5 Tampa General Hospital Scholars during the current funding period.
- Design and update the Simulation Center.

How the healthcare funds will contribute:

- Provide state-of-the-art Academic Success Support for undergraduate and graduate students.
- Provide funds to alleviate the financial burden experienced by students.
- Assist with updating Simulation education.

II. Onboarding & Retention of Graduates - Describe in detail and with specificity how the health care partner will onboard and retain graduates.

TGH will support the Academic Success Programming for all USF College of Nursing undergraduate and APRN graduate students with these funds and provide need-based tuition support for five undergraduate students during the current funding period. The academic success activities' support from TGH will touch over 1000 students, many of whom also engage in the world-class clinical opportunities provided by TGH. The multiple points of contact between nursing students and the TGH organization provide the chance to begin acclimating them to TGH while still in the role of student to reduce the length of role socialization upon graduation, leading to more strategic hiring decisions and improved retention.

III. Program Expansion -

This year's historic investment in nursing education from Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Legislature will allow the USF College of Nursing to graduate 500 additional undergraduate nurses by May 2027 and maintain one of the state's largest graduate student programs. The investment supports the infrastructure and staffing needed to educate these students, including using PIPELINE funds. This LINE initiative allows the College of Nursing to help specific students with additional needs and retain them to successful completion. Similarly, scholarships remove a key barrier to education, such as external employment, by funding nursing school so students can focus on completing the nursing program.

The partnership between TGH and the USFCON allows students to achieve their goal of becoming an RN or APRN. Through this partnership, we will provide opportunities for well-qualified applicants who, with the support of this funding, will help the state of Florida address the nursing shortage in general and the shortage of primary care APRNs.

Agenda Item: II.b

USF Board of Trustees
January 19, 2024

Issue: Affiliation Agreement

Proposed action: Approval for USF to enter into an Affiliation Agreement, with materially the same terms as the Term Sheet provided and in consultation with the general counsel's office and the CFO, to affiliate with The Henry off-campus student apartments.

Executive Summary:

The Henry is a 23-story mixed-use, private student housing building with structured parking located in downtown Tampa at 100 E. Tyler Street. The building opened in Fall 2021 and has 537 beds (188 units).

USF would enter into an Affiliation Agreement requiring USF Health to market the building to USF Health downtown students as "preferred off-campus housing." USF will not guarantee any unit rentals. The term of the Affiliation Agreement would be 40 years (maximum) and at the end of the term, the Property would revert to ownership by USF, at USF's election. Additionally, USF would receive 50% of all net revenues from operations of the Project. The remaining 50% of the net revenues would be used primarily to preserve the project and, secondarily, to fund scholarships.

USF has undertaken due diligence of reviewing the market study, pro forma and site analysis of the parcel including environmental reports. Risks to USF are mitigated through the requirement of an experienced property management group and the inclusion of default provisions that allow USF to terminate the Agreement for breach or poor performance.

Strategic Goal(s) Item Supports:

Goal 1: Student Success at USF and beyond

Goal 2: Partnerships and engagement with local, national, and global impact

Goal 5: A strong, sustainable, and adaptable financial base

BOT Committee Review Date:

Supporting Documentation Online (please circle): Yes No

Prepared by:

Hilary Black



University of South Florida
(Affiliation Agreement)

January __, 2024

This term sheet (this “*Term Sheet*”) summarizes the principal terms with respect to a potential affiliation agreement between The University of South Florida Board of Trustees, a public body corporate (“*USF*”) and SFP – Tampa I, LLC, a Florida limited liability company (“*SFP*”).

This Term Sheet is not legally binding and does not constitute an enforceable offer, contract, lease or commitment to lease on the part of either party. It does not contain or purport to address all matters and subjects upon which the parties must reach mutual agreement before an Agreement may be executed and delivered. If an Agreement is executed and delivered pursuant to this Term Sheet, the legal rights, duties, and obligations of the parties therein shall be determined solely in accordance with and governed by the terms of the Agreement. Until such time as an Agreement is executed, any Party may, without liability, and in its sole discretion, terminate its negotiations. Following the execution of this Term Sheet, the Parties will work collaboratively to prepare the Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is the parties’ intent that, until that event, no agreement shall exist between them and there shall be no obligations whatsoever based on such things as parol evidence, extended negotiations, “handshakes,” oral understandings, or courses of conduct (including reliance and changes of position). USF and SFP are discussing a potential affiliation agreement on the following terms:

<i>SFP:</i>	SFP – Tampa I, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Strategic Facility Partners, Inc. (“ <i>SFP Parent</i> ”), an Ohio non-profit corporation exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. SFP’s specific purpose will be to enhance the environments and interactions of communities at educational institutions in the Tampa, Florida area, to lessen the burdens of government, and to promote both social welfare and student development, through funding, constructing, owning and/or operating student housing facilities and amenities at public and private colleges and universities in the Tampa, Florida area.
<i>USF:</i>	The University of South Florida Board of Trustees
<i>Project:</i>	A 23-story mixed-use building, containing a structured parking facility and approximately 537 beds for student housing, located at 100 and 102 East Tyler Street, Tampa, Florida, and known as “The Henry” (the “ <i>Project</i> ”).
<i>Affiliation Agreement:</i>	The agreement between USF and SFP that will include the terms summarized in this Term Sheet and such other terms and conditions that are customary for transactions of this kind (the “ <i>Affiliation Agreement</i> ”). SFP is also negotiating a cooperation agreement with the University of Tampa (“ <i>UT</i> ”) for upper-class and graduate students of UT to ensure maximum occupancy of the Project.

<i>Eligible Residents:</i>	USF health and graduate students and medical residents; USF faculty or staff; other full-time students of educational institutions in the greater Tampa, Florida area.
<i>Financing:</i>	The Florida Development Finance Corporation will issue tax-exempt and taxable, senior and subordinate student housing revenue bonds, the proceeds of which will be loaned to SFP to fund the purchase price of the Project, a debt service reserve, an operating reserve and issuance costs (the “ <i>Financing</i> ”). The financing agreements will provide that any future financing to refinance the initial or subsequent series of bonds shall not have a maturity date later than the term of affiliation agreement (35 years plus 5-year option) without USF’s written consent.
<i>Term:</i>	The term of the Affiliation Agreement shall be for an initial term of 35 years; however, SFP shall have the option (without the consent of USF) to extend the initial term for an additional 5 years in order to accommodate any change to the maturity date of the Financing. Upon expiration of the Financing, the Affiliation Agreement will automatically terminate at which time title to the Project reverts to USF.
<i>Termination:</i>	USF may terminate the Affiliation Agreement without liability for any one or more of the following reasons: (a) an SFP or Property Manager default or negligent act that is not remedied or cured within 30 days (as may be extended to effectuate the cure or remedy); (b) any willful misconduct or fraudulent act committed by SFP or the Property Manager; (c) bankruptcy or insolvency; (d) damage; destruction; or condemnation; (e) sale, foreclosure, or other transfer of the Project; or (f) the occurrence of an event which, as determined solely by USF, may compromise the public trust or adversely impact the reputation, image, mission, or integrity of USF or SFP, including, without limitation, an increase in crime at the Project, or a change in circumstances such that the relationship between SFP and USF could compromise the public trust or adversely impact the reputation and image of USF.
<i>Beneficial Rights to the Project:</i>	At the election of USF, upon the payment in full of the Financing (including any refinancing of the Financing, if any), all right, title and interest in and to the Project shall be conveyed from SFP to USF. The affiliation agreement is to provide at least 24 months’ notice of the final maturity of the Financing and transfer of the property to the University.
<i>Net Revenues of the Project:</i>	50% of all net revenues from operations of the Project shall be transferred to USF. The remaining 50% of all net revenues will be used primarily to preserve the Project and secondarily to fund scholarships pursuant to the program to be developed by the Board of Managers, as defined herein.
<i>Board of Managers:</i>	The management of the business and affairs of SFP are vested in its Board of Managers (“ <i>Board of Managers</i> ”). The Board of Managers shall approve the operating budget for the Project on an annual basis (the “ <i>Operating Budget</i> ”) and shall have such other duties, responsibilities, meetings and actions as set forth in the Operating Agreement of SFP. In addition, the Board of Managers shall develop the scholarship program funded with Net Revenues, but annual distributions of scholarship money shall be approved by USF. The Board of Managers is currently comprised of three community leaders from the Tampa,

	Florida area (“ Managers ”). The Board of Managers will be self-perpetuating.
Oversight Committee:	In addition to the oversight provided by the Board of Managers, SFP Parent’s charter establishes an oversight committee (the “ Oversight Committee ”) to provide a mechanism for educational institutions like USF to ensure that SFP Parent is operated in a manner consistent with the charitable and educational purposes for which it was formed. Each educational institution affiliated with a project owned by a subsidiary of SFP Parent, other than USF, is entitled to appoint one person to the Oversight Committee. USF shall have the option but not the obligation to appoint one or more members of the Oversight Committee.
Rental Rates:	Rental rates will be set by the Board of Managers taking into account increases at USF, other local 4-year institutions, the general Tampa, Florida marketplace, and financing covenants, but not to exceed 3.5% without USF approval (unless required by financing covenants)
Management of Project:	The Project is currently managed by Cardinal Group Management Midwest LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “ Property Manager ”). The Property Manager shall be responsible for the management and operational activities of the Project pursuant to the terms and conditions of a written management agreement approved by USF (the “ Management Agreement ”). The Management Agreement shall require the Property Manager to operate and maintain the Project in accordance with (a) the terms of the Affiliation Agreement, (b) the operating and financial parameters included with each Operating Budget, and (c) sound and professional student housing property management practices applicable to comparable student housing facilities in the Tampa, Florida area. Should the Property Manager default in the performance of its obligations under the Management Agreement, USF or SFP shall have the right to remove the Property Manager pursuant to the terms of the Management Agreement and USF shall have the right to consent to SFP’s appointment of any new property manager of the Project.
Code of Conduct:	The Property Manager shall establish separate rules and regulations for both undergraduate and graduate students residing at the Project.
USF Involvement in Management:	At USF’s discretion, USF may attend meetings with the Property Manager in order to share key behavioral issues for off-campus students, student behavioral trends at other USF properties, other critical items as deemed important by the Property Manager and USF, or any persistent facility or life/safety issues identified by the Property Manager. USF shall have no other obligations with respect to management than are described in this Term Sheet.
Community Assistant:	The Project will have a community assistant (“ CA ”) program to respond to the undergraduate students’ behavioral, safety, health and other issues at the Project, the cost of which shall be paid by SFP as part of the Operating Budget. The Property Manager shall establish the CA program and USF shall have the right but not the obligation to review the same.
USF Marketing Obligations:	USF shall provide the Project with the following marketing services and opportunities during the Term: (a) USF shall include the Project’s marketing materials in USF Health’s off-campus student housing information and responses

	<p>to requests for information about USF Health’s off-campus student housing options; (b) USF shall advertise the Project on the USF Health housing website, indicating that the Project is “Preferred Off-Campus Student Housing”; (d) Project representatives shall have the opportunity to market the Project at USF Health and events similarly offered to other off-campus housing facilities; (e) USF shall refer USF health students and medical residents and graduate students who indicate an interest in off-campus student housing opportunities to the Project website; (f) USF will cooperate with SFP to develop other market relevant methods to promote the Project; (g) USF may provide current content for a digital campus information board to be located within a common area of the Project; (h) in an effort to ensure that the supply of student housing units does not exceed the demand thereof to such an extent that would negatively impact SFP’s ability to meet its obligations under the Financing, USF Health will agree not to sponsor or affiliate with any additional off-campus housing facilities in downtown Tampa, Florida that either (i) is marketed to undergraduate students or (ii) grants a priority or preference over making referrals of USF health and graduate students to the Project. (“Additional Student Housing”) unless the Project is projected to be able to meet its obligations under the Financing when taking into account the Additional Student Housing based on projections prepared by an independent consultant; (i) in the event USF affiliates with Additional Student Housing in downtown Tampa, Florida, USF will treat the Project equally with the Additional Student Housing; and (j) USF will assist SFP with its continuing disclosure obligations to the extent that such obligations include information about USF, including but not limited to demographic and statistical information about its enrollment, on-campus housing and general financial stability that is already publicly available.</p>
<p><i>USF Support of Financing and Tax Exemption:</i></p>	<p>In order for SFP’s acquisition of the Project to be successful, SFP will also need USF to assist SFP with: (a) the underwriting, rating, and marketing of the Financing, including providing and reviewing information about USF to be included in the credit package and offering documents, meeting/participating in calls with rating agencies and investors, and otherwise providing support for the Project and the Financing; (b) obtaining an exemption from ad valorem taxes for the Project, including authoring a request for a predetermination letter with the Hillsborough County Property Appraiser.</p>
<p><i>No Partnership; No USF Financial Liability</i></p>	<p>Neither USF nor the State of Florida will, in any way or for any purpose, become a partner of SFP in the conduct of its business, or otherwise, or a joint venturer or a member of a joint enterprise with SFP. Further, neither USF nor the State of Florida is contracting or leasing any of the space of the Project and neither USF nor the State of Florida shall have any financial liability for the re-payment of any expenses, debt or any other obligations incurred by SFP for the Project, including the Financing.</p>
<p><i>Termination:</i></p>	<p>This Term Sheet will automatically expire and be of no further force and effect if it is not fully executed on or before 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on February 5, 2024 unless accepted or rejected by USF, or withdrawn by SFP prior to that time. Following execution, this Term Sheet will also automatically terminate and be of no further force and effect upon the earlier of (a) execution of the Affiliation Agreement by USF and SFP; (b) mutual agreement of USF and SFP; and (c) 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on March 31, 2024 unless extended by mutual agreement of SFP and USF. Notwithstanding anything in the previous sentence,</p>

	the sections entitled “Governing Law” and “Expenses” shall survive the termination of this Term Sheet and the termination of this Term Sheet shall not affect any rights any party has with respect to the breach of this Term Sheet by another party prior to such termination.
<i>Governing Law:</i>	THIS TERM SHEET SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO ANY CHOICE OR CONFLICT OF LAW PROVISION OR RULE (WHETHER OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION) THAT WOULD CAUSE THE APPLICATION OF LAWS OF ANY JURISDICTION OTHER THAN THOSE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.
<i>No Third Party Beneficiaries:</i>	Except as specifically set forth or referred to herein, nothing herein is intended or shall be construed to confer upon any person or entity other than the parties and their successors or assigns, any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Term Sheet.
<i>Expenses:</i>	The parties will each pay their own transaction expenses, including the fees and expenses of advisors, incurred in connection with the proposed Transaction.
<i>Counterparts:</i>	This Term Sheet may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one agreement.

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[Signature Page to Term Sheet]

The foregoing summary sets forth the terms and provisions of this Term Sheet, which terms and provisions shall be non-binding on the parties.

SFP:

SFP – Tampa I, LLC

USF:

The University of South Florida Board of Trustees, a public body corporate

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

Agenda Item: II.c

USF Board of Trustees
January 19, 2024

Issue: Expenditure Authorization Request

Proposed action:

Approval of the following expenditure over \$3,000,000:

- Cyber Attack and Simulation Range \$11,864,000
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Executive Summary: The USF Policy for Delegations of General Authority and Signatory Authority requires the approval of the Finance Committee Chair for the procurement of goods and services above \$1.5 million and the approval of the Finance Committee for the procurement of goods and services above \$3 million. Approval is being requested for the item above.

Financial Impact: Authorization is being requested for an \$11,864,000 expenditure.

Strategic Goal(s) Item Supports: Goal 5: A strong, sustainable, and adaptable financial base

BOT Committee Review Date:

Supporting Documentation Online (please circle): Yes No

Prepared by: Jennifer Condon, Vice President and Acting CFO
(813) 974-3297

USF Approval of Expenditures Exceeding Three Million Dollars

Project/Initiative Name: Cyber Attack and Simulation Range

Total Project/Initiative Cost: \$11,864,000 (up to)

Description: The 2022 Florida Legislative session appropriated funds to establish a cyber attack and simulation range at the Florida Center for Cybersecurity (HB 5001, sec 157A). In accordance with Cyber Florida's legislative directive (sec. 1004.444), Cyber Florida will commence planning for the design, establishment, and operations of a cyber training range. USF is contracting through an Omnia Cooperative contract.

Objective: (strategic priority or needs the project/initiative addresses; include strategic goal this project/initiative supports)

Cyber Florida has identified a Supplier to implement a Cyber Range as a Service (CRaaS) solution for the development and implementation of training and education for Florida's public sector, this directly raises the profile of USF as a cybersecurity leader by providing training to state agencies across the region (Goal 3). The Cyber Range will be used as a virtual training environment with a series of scenario-based challenges to meet the hands-on training needs of Florida's county and local governments, as well as local law enforcement and other organizations within the State of Florida. The cybersecurity challenges presented via the Cyber Range will be used to foster collaboration between executives and technical security analysts as the groups work through various aspects of detection, response and business recovery functions based upon various cyber-attack scenarios.

Funding Source(s):

Non-recurring state funds via Appropriation 157A - Enterprise Cybersecurity Resilience

Are the funds supporting the project budgeted or non-budgeted?

YES - project is budgeted.

Prior Approval Process:

NA

List Related Projects/Initiatives: (if any)

NA

USF or Campus specific: USF
Prepared by: Brie Matier, Associate Director Procurement Services
Date Requested: 09/13/2023

USF Policy 0-100 requires approval of this expenditure by the USF Board of Trustees Finance Committee.