

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 17, 2014**

SUBJECT: Targeted Educational Attainment (TEAm) Initiative Legislative Budget Request

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information and approval of the Targeted Educational Attainment (TEAm) Initiative Legislative Budget Request

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Targeted Educational Attainment (TEAm) initiative is a competitive allocation program open to all universities, and administered by the Board of Governors, that incentivizes the recruitment and graduation of students in the high-wage, high-demand fields of Computer and Information Technology, Accounting and Financial Services, and Middle School Teacher retention (see Table 1).

The objectives of the TEAm initiative are to: 1) assist institutions of higher education in Florida to grow programs that lead to high-skill jobs, 2) increase the number of Floridians completing programs in high demand areas, and 3) wisely leverage the strengths of institutions of higher education for a sustainable future. This initiative builds upon the TEAm grant program, funded with \$15M in 2014 that funded four partnerships. Three focused on Computer and Information Technology and one focused on Accounting and Financial Services.

This request is for \$15 million to fund additional initiatives addressing the gap between the high-wage, high-demand jobs Florida needs and the number of graduates from public and private colleges and universities in Florida.

Supporting Documentation Included: TEAm Initiative LBR Form 1

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