

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Budget and Finance Committee
June 17, 2015**

SUBJECT: Shared Initiatives Update

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For Information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Budget and Finance Committee 2014-2015 BluePrint

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Committee, in its 2014-2015 BluePrint committed to work with the universities, particularly the Council of Administrative and Financial Affairs, to explore opportunities that allow for efficiencies and shared initiatives. These initiatives are critical to ensure that resources are strategically allocated to best meet the needs of students and university operations.

In September 2014, the Board partnered with FSU to be the lead institution on shared initiatives. In October 2014, the Board hired Ms. Karen Armstrong as the Director of Shared Initiatives, to act as the central point for coordination of shared services initiatives for the State University System. Ms. Armstrong has been working with our FSU partners, including co-lead, FSU Associate Procurement Director, Karen Gibson, and convenes weekly meetings with the university procurement and financial specialists. The group has established a foundation for tracking and calculating savings.

The group currently has 12 shared contracts in place, 4 procurements that are actively in process, and more solicitations in various planning stages. For this latest fiscal quarter from January through March, the universities have realized savings with the shared contracts and other efficiencies. Ms. Armstrong will share some of the savings achieved by the universities.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

Facilitators/Presenters: Ms. Karen Armstrong