



September 23, 2021

TO: THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF VALENCIA COLLEGE

FROM: KATHLEEN PLINSKE
President

RE: COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (CA) 2022-06, MICROSOFT IDENTITY
CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

Valencia College utilizes a Microsoft Azure and Active Directory for identity management and authentication. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the increase in remote access has introduced new challenges whereas attempts to access those web-accessible systems and data through social engineering (i.e., phishing) or hacking (e.g., guessing account credentials or reusing stolen passwords from other breaches) have significantly increased. To more effectively address these challenges, a thorough review of options was completed by Valencia's Office of Information Technology (OIT) with the goal of improving the reliability of identity services used to log into the academic and administrative system. This proposed project will improve the reliability of the identity services and improve the security of the accounts managed by these identity services.

Microsoft, being uniquely qualified to complete this work, was chosen as a single source procurement. In accordance with applicable regulations, Valencia leveraged the State Term Contract #43230000-15-01, *Microsoft Premier Support and Consulting Services*, conducted by the State of Florida, to perform this work. The Proposed budget for the Microsoft Identity Consolidation Project is \$825,000. The project will be funded by Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERFII)/ Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA).

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The President recommends that the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College authorize the College to contract with Microsoft Consulting Services, at a cost of approximately \$825,000, to be funded by HEERFII and CRRSAA federal funds, for services to improve the reliability of the College's identity services and improve the security of the accounts managed by these identity services, in accordance with mutually agreed upon terms and conditions.

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President