STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
Contract for College Cybersecurity Awareness Training  
June 1, 2020 – December 30, 2020

**Request:** The State Board of Community Colleges is asked to approve a contract for a system-wide license to provide cybersecurity awareness training for all 58 community colleges in an amount not to exceed $250,000.

**Strategic Plan Reference:**
Theme: System Effectiveness  
Goal 4: Advance organizational effectiveness, operations, and decision-making to support a cohesive system of nimble, empowered, and community-driven colleges.  
- Objective 3: Ensure policies, procedures, and processes facilitate System effectiveness and compliance.

**Background:** Today colleges have federal and state compliance requirements for faculty and staff to receive cybersecurity training and awareness to perform effectively in their assigned roles and responsibilities. Specific examples include job functions that require faculty and staff to handle student and employee Personally Identifiable Information (PII), Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), Graham Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA), and Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS) compliance.

The State currently requires all State employees and contractors to complete cybersecurity training at regular intervals. To date, colleges have been expected to obtain and perform compliance-driven security awareness and education training on their own.

**Rationale for Contract:** The challenges brought on the Community Colleges System by the global COVID-19 Pandemic include a massive transition to online learning as well as an increase in remote / telework by faculty and staff. The change in our system’s operating approach greatly exacerbates the security risk profile of all colleges and increases the criticality of providing consistent and industry proven security training and education across the system.

The objective of this purchase is to leverage the existing State CIO contract with KnowB4 and establish a system-wide contract to extend cost benefits of the state, as well as establish a baseline security education and training standard across the system.

**Fund Source and Availability:** Funding is available through the 2020 COVID-19 Recovery Act (Session Law 2020-4) and is contingent upon certification of these funds by the Office of State Budget and Management.
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