

## AGENDA ITEM MEMO

**BOARD MEETING DATE:** August 10, 2023

**TO:** Board Members

**THROUGH:** Jeff Walker, Executive Administrator  
Ashley Harden, General Counsel  
Rebecca Trevino, Chief Financial Officer  
Edna Jackson, Deputy Executive Administrator, Operations & Administration

**FROM:** Darrell Tompkins, Chief Information Officer  
Scott Daywood, Manager Security and Networking

**SUBJECT:** Shared Technology Services Contract Amendment

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an amendment to the Shared Technology Services (STS) interagency contract with the Department of Information Resources to extend the contract end date to August 31, 2025, with a contract amount not to exceed \$7,741,343 during the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 biennium.

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2005, the 79<sup>th</sup> Legislature passed House Bill 1516 directing the Department of Information Resources to consolidate agencies' information technology (IT) infrastructures to reduce statewide costs for IT services, modernize aging state infrastructure, and increase overall security and disaster recovery capability. Today, the STS program, previously known as the Data Center Services, serves over 200 state agencies and institutions of higher education, including the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Requests for STS funding to sustain the TWDB Data Center server environment are part of the biennial budget process, and amendments to the STS contract periodically come to the Board for approval.

### **KEY ISSUES**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION**

To continue the TWDB's participation in the legislatively-mandated STS program and take advantage of the efficiencies and economies realized through that participation, the Executive Administrator recommends approval to authorize the execution of an amendment to extend the STS contract to August 31, 2025, with a contract amount not to exceed \$7,741,343 during the FY 24-25 biennium.