

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

AGENDA ITEM: 4 – B (3)
DATE: December 9-10, 2020

SUBJECT

SDBOR Lean Update

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[Letter of Intent Regarding Board of Regents Implementation](#)

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

The Legislative Research Council has contracted with ReEngine Consulting, LLC to perform a Lean process-improvement effort for the South Dakota Board of Regents (BOR). The work is scheduled to take place in 2021. The contract indicates a required completion date of September 30, 2021.

ReEngine, a firm specializing in Lean processes, has been hired to guide the system through its Lean implementation. ReEngine will do this by (1) training Lean practitioners or Lean leaders within the organization who will be able to lead process improvement projects in the future and (2) working with the BOR to apply Lean methodology to three identified system-wide processes that could benefit from thoughtful review.

The first Lean project selected by the BOR for review is a critical examination of the way individual universities and the greater system enter into software contracts. This project was selected because the BOR felt there is real benefit to creating better system-processes and expectations around these business decisions. The project intersects each university and has potential to show real financial savings.

The next two projects have not yet been determined.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Lean creates opportunity in the system to find efficiencies, but it also creates the opportunity to improve morale since it helps employees understand their value while finding streamlined ways to accomplish that value.

ATTACHMENTS

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEM