

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Budget and Finance**  
**Consent**

**AGENDA ITEM: 5 – M**  
**DATE: October 5-6, 2022**

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**SUBJECT**

**Capital Asset Purchase Greater than \$500,000 – SDSU Aviation Education Program  
Twin Engine Purchase**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

[SDCL § 13-49-15](#) – Purchasing and contracting for institutions  
[BOR Policy 5:4](#) – Purchasing

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

The Board has delegated authority to enter into contracts for the purchase of equipment, supplies, and services to the institutions. Purchases of capital assets with a per-unit cost exceeding \$500,000 must be approved by the Board of Regents prior to a purchase order being issued.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

South Dakota State University (SDSU) requests the authority to purchase a 2015 or newer used Piper Seminole aircraft for the Aviation Education program. Enrollment in the SDSU Aviation Education program has increase from 50 students in 2011 to 193 today. The program currently has 15 aircrafts but is in need of an additional twin engine aircraft to ensure timely student progression and to meet the demand of the additional enrollment. Aviation Education program funds will be used to fund the total estimated cost of \$600,000. Attached is the Capital Asset Purchase Request Form.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I – South Dakota Board of Regents Capital Request Form

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**DRAFT MOTION 20221005\_5-M:**

I move to approve SDSU’s request to purchase an aircraft for its Aviation Education program using approximately \$600,000 in funds from the Aviation Education program.

