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The Teachers' Retirement Board (TRB) delegation to the Chief Executive Officer requires that the board approve: all non-investment contracts with a cumulative value exceeding \$1,000,000; all non-competitive bid contracts with a cumulative value exceeding \$100,000; and any contract amendment exceeding 15% of the cumulative value previously approved by the board exceeding \$1,000,000.

- **Pension Solution related contracts delegation**

Due to the dynamic nature of large implementation projects, the need to engage external resources and approve contracts may not always coincide with the timing of regular TRB meetings. On April 6, 2017, the board approved a request to delegate approval authority for Pension Solution related contracts with a value over \$1 million but not to exceed \$10 million to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the TRB. As a result of the need and timing of these resources, a total amount of \$3,110,400.00 combined for both contracts, was requested for approval by the TRB Chair and Vice-Chair. On June 7, 2024, the Board Chair and Vice-Chair provided their approval. The contracts listed are being shared with the board as informational items.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Quantum Sage Innovations Inc.

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| Title: | Pension Solution Technical Analysts |
| Contract Number: | TBD |
| Term: | July 01, 2024, through June 30, 2026 |
| Total Contract Amount: | \$ 1,958,400.00 |
| Source of Funds: | Support Appropriation |
| Branch Executive: | Ashish Jain |

2. Sabot Technologies, Inc.

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| Title: | Pension Solution Technical Analysts |
| Contract Number: | TBD |

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| Term: | July 01, 2024, through June 30, 2026 |
| Total Contract Amount: | \$ 1,152,000.00 |
| Source of Funds: | Support Appropriation |
| Branch Executive: | Ashish Jain |

PURPOSE

Staff requested Board Chair and Vice-Chair approval to enter into a contract with vendor Quantum Sage Innovations Inc. in the amount totaling \$1,958,400.00 to provide three Pension Solution Technical Analysts and vendor Sabot Technologies, Inc. in the amount totaling \$1,152,000.00 to provide two Pension Solution Technical Analysts. These Technical Analysts are experienced with both public Defined Benefit Plans and the technology platform that CalSTRS is implementing.

SUMMARY

In March 2024, CalSTRS released Request for Offer # 5000002890 for up to five Pension Solution Technical Analysts with the intent of identifying vendor resources that can support CalSTRS as it transitions from a project focus to ongoing program management and to strengthen its internal capabilities during the shift from implementation to maintenance and operations. The vendor resources are expected to provide services in the following areas:

- **Pre-Implementation:** assist CalSTRS User Acceptance Test (UAT) Testers in the timely completion of UAT, assist CalSTRS Batch and Interface Testers, assist with planned Soft Launch activities, and assist in testing remaining complex functionalities.
- **Cutover-Related Activities:** support CalSTRS with preparing for the readiness checkpoints and actual implementation to support cutover-related activities.
- **Stabilization Activities:** support CalSTRS in the planning for stabilization support, augment CalSTRS resources in providing stabilization support to business users, assist in evaluating issues and potential enhancements, and support CalSTRS and the software vendor in achieving system stability.
- **Program Management Activities:** apply knowledge of CalSTRS' business processes and requirements to facilitate business and technical discussions and apply knowledge of the technical platform to provide informed recommendations that bridge business needs with technical design constraints and capabilities.

CalSTRS received multiple vendor offers and selected Quantum Sage Innovations Inc. and Sabot Technologies, Inc. based on defined qualifications and best value to CalSTRS. This contract was already accounted for in project planning and does not increase the overall pension solution project budget.