

Contracts Freeze Exception Report to OFM

Agency: Workforce Training & Education Coordinating Board

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Date Approved	Contractor	Brief Description of Services	Contract	Total Cost	Fund Source (Rationale for Approving Exception
3/19/2025	SHI International Corp	The EDvera COTS solution will be used for the collection of Training Provider data for all schools that require a PVS license. •PVS training providers will be able to manage their data in one place with one process •All training providers will be assessed to determine if they are PVS and if they are, they will use EDvera for all their data updates. If they are not, they will be directed to use the Career Bridge Training Provider Portal •No chance of mismatching PVS data between licensing and Career Bridge •PVS Training Providers will be able to complete their ETPL attestation within the EDvera program document	3/31/2025-6/30/2025	26,352	IT Pool 447-6 Modifying the current private career schools platform to include a "REST API" that will populate Career Bridge on a daily basis along with additional fields and users, will allow private career provider and program information to flow into Career Bridge and eliminate the need for duplication into both systems, Career Bridge and EDvera. Currently private career school providers have to enter their school and program information twice into both platforms. This REST API will eliminate the duplication. REST API provides a way for software systems to interact with each other by sending and receiving data over HTTP in a simple and standardized way. It is also more efficient as the information entered into EDvera will populate every evening vs. the Career Bridge staff having to wait for approval from the private career schools and then approving and updating request on the Career Bridge side of the house. This will enable site users to have the most up to date information when choosing an education program to reach their career goals.

Carahsoft	The Workforce Board has adopted GovDelivery, a significantly improved communications and outreach business tool that benefits taxpayers, customers and agency partners by providing timely information and updates. The GovDelivery/Granicus product is offered on a statewide contract through Carahsoft. GovDelivery reduces staff time assembling and producing messages and newsletter communications; increases the number of messages successfully delivered; and allows the agency to efficiently communicate with many more audiences impacted by the agency's work.	3/29/2025 - 3/28/2026	13,509	9900000 GovDelivery is a critical communications and outreach tool for the Workforce Board. In the first year of implementation, the agency has accumulated more than 20,000 subscribers, which is roughly 10 times the size of the largest newsletter mailing list before having the product. There are more than 40 unique mailing lists that allow staff to connect with lawmakers, career and technical education teachers, workforce partners, board members and others. The tool saves significant staff time and effort through its automated mailing list features, message delivery, upgraded graphics and design, and delivery reports. Hundreds of hours of staff labor have been saved as a result of using this tool. Additionally, this tool enables the agency to more effectively communicate with scholarship applicants, partners and taxpayers. These advanced business practices save staff time and effort over the course of the fiscal year.
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