



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Greg
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Markkanen
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.
N/A
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Merit Network
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
880 Technology Drive, Suite 8 Ann Arbor, MI 48108-8963
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
N/A
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Morgan Forman HD 33
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution.
Enhancing cybersecurity for Michigan's public universities today while building a stronger cyber workforce for tomorrow.

The Merit Cybersecurity Operations Center (SOC) provides 24x7x365 active threat hunting and real-time response by dedicated cybersecurity analysts, ensuring constant vigilance across campus networks. By leveraging a shared-service model, institutions can

maximize the value of existing investments and realize up to 4x cost savings on monitoring and alerting—compared to the expense of maintaining independent campus-based SOC's.

One-time appropriations sought to get the cybersecurity center operational, then it becomes self-sufficient and will be able to eventually expand to community colleges and other community anchor institutions.

9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.

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11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["None"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Non-profit organization

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Yes

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Yes

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Yes

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

James Bujaki Central Michigan University Ronald Woody Eastern Michigan University (VC) Charlie Weaver Faris State University Milos Topic Grand Valley State University Julie Hober Lake Superior State University Richard Czarnecki Michigan State University Joshua Olson Michigan Tech (Chair) Gavin Leach Northern Michigan University Bhavani Koneru Oakland University Andy Palms University of Michigan Rob Thompson Wayne State University Andrew Holmes Western Michigan University Roger Blake Merit Networks

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

Upon funds dispersal, in continuity

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes