REPORT ON CAPITOL IMPACT CONTRACT

Since January 2007, the Tuition Grants Commission has contracted with Capitol Impact annually to provide geocoded listings of all South Carolina Tuition Grants recipients. This information is used in two ways. First, it is used to provide to each participating college a list of South Carolina Tuition Grants recipients attending their college with the corresponding South Carolina House member and South Carolina Senate member for each recipient that enables their participation in the SCICU Letter Writing Campaign (now exceeding 35 years). Second, it gives the Commission the ability to provide each state legislator information and a spreadsheet (via secure internet download) indicating the names of recipients from their legislative district with an estimated amount of total funds that those recipients receive in South Carolina Tuition Grants. The use of Capitol Impact to provide the geocoded listings has significantly helped the Commission to accurately communicate the impact of the South Carolina Tuition Grants Program to the State Legislature.

Capitol Impact is now a division of Crescerance meaning nothing has changed for the Commission from a procedural point of view. Crescerance has been able to maintain the same pricing structure that has been in place for the last 13 years. The pricing upon contract renewal in November 2020 is $2,500 for the annual license and the geocoding is $650 for up to 43,000 records. The total cost will be $3,150.

This is a sole source contract meaning no other company offers this same service and a bidding process is not available and not required by State Procurement Regulations. Appropriate documentation supporting and justifying the sole source procurement will be reported and provided to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, as required. The staff is requesting Commission approval to renew the contract at $3,150.