

ITSP Summary Biennium 2026-28

Agency Name: 937 Southern Virginia Higher Education Center (SVH

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Agency Mission, Goals and Objectives:

Agency Mission:

The mission of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center (SVHEC) is to advance Southern Virginia's economic potential through education, innovation, and collaboration.

Agency Goals:

Agency Objectives:

Provide accessible, affordable, and relevant post-secondary education and training to all citizens of the Southern Virginia region.

The Southern Virginia Higher Education Center works to increase access to affordable and relevant post-secondary education and workforce training in southern Virginia through partnerships with degree-granting educational institutions and through its own short-duration technical training programs conferring industry-recognized certifications. The SVHEC and partners use data-driven analyses based on current and projected labor market data and input from regional industry to ensure program offerings remain relevant. Where programs do not exist to meet identified employer need, the SVHEC works with industry to develop and offer programs. Education and training opportunities are made affordable for the region's citizens through the Center's collaboration with Danville Community College's federal TRIO grant team, the Southern Virginia Higher Education Foundation (SVHEF), the Commonwealth's New Economy Workforce Credential Grant program, the Region 8 Workforce Investment Board, and the Virginia Department of

Rehabilitative Services (DARS). The SVHEC also actively engages the private sector to support noncredit workforce training with tuition assistance for students demonstrating need. This goal aligns with the agency's mission of "advancing the region's economic potential" by investing resources and efforts in the region's human capital.

Elevate the levels of educational and skills preparedness of the workforce in order to enhance economic development in the Southern Virginia region.

The Southern Virginia Higher Education Center's collaborative engagement with strong public and private education and industry partners will elevate regional citizens' educational and workforce preparedness levels to meet industry's current and future workforce needs. Working from a new perspective on what "workforce readiness" means in today's economy, the SVHEC works to advance and align the skill sets of southern Virginia's citizens with current and anticipated employer demands. These strategic efforts will ultimately transform Southern Virginia into a region where current industries thrive, new industries seek to locate, and individuals can work in family-sustaining jobs.

Strengthen pathways from Kindergarten - 12th grade (K-12) education and workforce training, especially in the areas of science, technology, engineering, math, and healthcare (STEM-H).

Students must be adequately prepared from an early age in order to achieve post-secondary success. The Southern Virginia Higher Education Center works to develop strong pathways for Kindergarten - twelfth (K-12) grade students so that they can successfully transition to post-secondary education and training, especially in high-demand career areas of science, technology, engineering, math, and healthcare (STEM-H). Targeting students as young as elementary school-age, the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center partners with regional education systems, post-secondary education and training institutions, and industry to increase students' awareness of regional career opportunities and the education pathways to reach them. This goal aligns with the SVHEC's mission of "advancing the region's economic potential" by priming the education and workforce training pipeline.

Advance the knowledge and competitive capabilities of industry through transfer of technology in the form of applied research results and innovative manufacturing techniques.

The Southern Virginia Higher Education Center recognizes the importance of the advanced

manufacturing sector to the region's economy and through its ProductWorks division the agency endeavors to raise the sector's competitive capabilities. Manufacturing, once the backbone of the regional economy, almost disappeared over the last three decades but is now returning. To compete successfully, manufacturing businesses need access to applied research knowledge, services, and advanced technologies that will enhance their capabilities. This goal aligns with the SVHEC's mission of "advancing the region's economic potential" with innovative solutions.

Practice sound fiscal management to ensure long-term sustainability of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center.

The Southern Virginia Higher Education Center is committed to excellence in fiscal stewardship and fostering a long-term sustainable business model. Since its inception in 1986, the SVHEC has grown to become a vital economic driver, delivering educational and workforce benefits that reach beyond Southern Virginia to the entire Commonwealth. The Center's ability to maintain and expand these benefits depends on adequate funding and good fiscal stewardship. Since becoming a state agency in 2005, SVHEC leadership has steadily improved the Center's financial position and pursued a sustainable business model. While the SVHEC's current leadership has improved the Center's funding model and financial position, achieving a long-term sustainable business model will require continued diligence, innovative thinking, and continual adjustment, especially in response to rapid and unforeseen changes to the business and economic environment. The SVHEC is committed to excellence in fiscal stewardship and fostering a long-term sustainable business model to meet its mission now and in the future.

Current IT State:

In this section, describe the high-level strategy the agency will use to manage existing operational IT investments over the next year to 6 years in support of the strategic objectives of your agency.

At this time, the agency anticipates that all Current Operational IT Investments will continue to meet agency business needs in the foreseeable future and will not need enhancement or additional investment.

Will any of the following areas require additional funding over the next 6 years beyond that currently forecast by your agency? (please check all that apply)

Looking ahead over the next 6 years, please list any IT initiatives needed to support the business Mission, Goals, and Objectives of your agency not addressed by application modernization (other than staffing levels and applications detailed elsewhere). These could include disaster recovery, network upgrades, radio communications etc.

External Factors Impacting IT:

In this section, describe changes or mandates from external sources to the agency's current IT investments. These are requirements and mandates from external sources, such as new federal or state legislation, executive orders, regulatory bodies, or legal requirements. The agency must identify the change, any important deadlines that must be met, and the consequences if the deadlines are not met.

At this time, the agency is not aware of any external factors, requirements or mandates that will require IT investments by the agency in the foreseeable future.

Are there any mandate driving changes in your current IT environment? (Yes/No)

No

Future IT Solutions:

This section will discuss how the agency's IT investments and investment strategies support the business strategies over the next 6 years. The agency does not need to discuss specific technologies at this time.

At this time, the agency does not have any Proposed IT Solutions or investments that will support agency strategic objectives, service area strategic objectives, commonwealth, enterprise, or secretariat-level strategic priorities, agency performance measures, or societal indicators.

IT Strategic Plan Budget Tables

Current IT Services				
	Costs Year 1		Costs Year 2	
Category	GF	NGF	GF	NGF
Projected Service Fees	\$4,185		\$4,185	
VITA Infrastructure Changes				
Estimated VITA Infrastructure	\$4,185		\$4,185	
Specialized Infrastructure	\$165,980	\$238,181	\$165,980	\$238,181
Agency IT Staff	\$333,543	\$40,659	\$333,543	\$40,659
Non-agency IT Staff				
Cloud Computing Service				
Other Application Costs				
Total:	\$503,709	\$278,841	\$503,709	\$278,841

Proposed IT Investments				
	Costs Year 1		Costs Year 2	
Category	GF	NGF	GF	NGF
Major IT Projects:				
Non-Major IT Projects:				
Agency-Level IT Projects:				
Major Stand Alone IT Procurements:				
Non-Major Stand Alone IT Procurements:				
Agency-Level Stand Alone IT Procurements:				
Procurement Adjustment:				
Total:				

Projected Total IT Budget				
	Costs Year 1		Costs Year 2	
Category	GF	NGF	GF	NGF
Current IT Services	\$503,709	\$278,841	\$503,709	\$278,841
Proposed IT Investments				
Total	\$503,709	\$278,841	\$503,709	\$278,841

Commonwealth Projects >= \$250,000.00

There are no projects for this agency.

Commonwealth Procurements >=\$250,000.00

There are no stand alone procurements for this agency.