

Board Contract Year 2023 Texas Rising Star Assessor Funding Discussion Paper

1 **Background**

2 The 87th Texas Legislature enacted [HB 1792](#), which directs the Texas Workforce Commission
3 (TWC) to procure a single entity to oversee all Texas Rising Star assessors. TWC is currently in
4 the procurement process, with a goal of a single entity being selected in the Spring of 2023, and
5 under contract in May 2023.

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7 TWC will provide the new entity with a start-up period, for the new entity to transition the Texas
8 Rising Star assessor functions. Pending the full transition of these services, TWC will continue to
9 fund Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) to oversee and implement assessment
10 services.

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12 TWC's three-member Commission has previously approved funding in the Statewide Initiatives
13 budget ([Summary of Statewide Initiatives](#), Track 76053) to support the new centralized assessor
14 function. A total of \$5,889,265 was approved (\$850,000 in Fiscal Year 2022 (FY'22) and
15 \$5,039,265 in FY'23), and none of these funds have yet to be expended.

16 17 **Issue:**

18 Additional funding is needed to support the costs for Boards to oversee and support Texas Rising
19 Star assessments for a portion of Board Contract Year 2023 (BCY'23), from October 1, 2022,
20 through August 31, 2023, as well as support the costs for the new centralized entity during the
21 transition period.

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23 Attached is a Board distribution for BCY'23, totaling \$6,358,560, to continue supporting
24 Boards' oversight of Texas Rising Star assessors, through August 31, 2023. Staff also estimates
25 up to an additional \$1.5 million may be necessary for the new centralized entity, during the
26 remainder of FY'23, through August 31, 2023. This brings the total estimated amount for FY'23
27 Texas Rising Star assessor costs to \$7,858,560.

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29 The Commission previously approved \$5,889,265. Based on the new estimated FY'23 cost of
30 \$7,858,560, an additional \$1,969,295 is needed.

31 32 **Decision Point**

33 Staff recommends that the Commission approve an additional \$2 million to support Texas Rising
34 Star assessor services in BCY'23 for Boards, and in FY'23 for the new centralized assessor
35 entity.

Board #	Board	Estimated Total Funds	Previously Requested Funds*	Additional Funds Needed
1	Panhandle	\$115,888	\$32,000	\$83,888
2	South Plains	\$81,324	\$60,000	\$21,324
3	North Texas	\$110,245	\$46,500	\$63,745
4	North Central	\$266,750	\$44,000	\$222,750
5	Tarrant County	\$349,000	\$16,500	\$332,500
6	Greater Dallas	\$352,000	\$52,000	\$300,000
7	Northeast	\$41,250	\$5,600	\$35,650
8	East Texas	\$277,559	\$127,187	\$150,372
9	West Central	\$68,015	\$15,700	\$52,315
10	Borderplex	\$210,530	\$71,581	\$138,949
11	Permian Basin	\$26,684	\$6,500	\$20,184
12	Concho Valley	\$41,927	\$8,870	\$33,057
13	Heart of Texas	\$89,517	\$45,000	\$44,517
14	Capital Area	\$321,475	\$90,000	\$231,475
15	Rural Capital	\$317,536	\$90,000	\$227,536
16	Brazos Valley	\$127,621	\$32,220	\$95,401
17	Deep East	\$80,178	\$41,929	\$38,249
18	Southeast	\$177,610	\$23,350	\$154,260
19	Golden Crescent	\$90,360	\$0	\$90,360
20	Alamo	\$509,251	\$94,262	\$414,989
21	South Texas	\$211,073	\$73,943	\$137,130
22	Coastal Bend	\$144,990	\$60,713	\$84,277
23	Lower Rio Grande Valley	\$165,480	\$43,000	\$122,480
24	Cameron	\$149,101	\$42,500	\$106,601
25	Texoma	\$56,650	\$6,020	\$50,630
26	Central Texas	\$166,073	\$45,481	\$120,592
27	Middle Rio Grande Valley	\$50,473	\$25,000	\$25,473
28	Gulf Coast	\$1,760,000	\$400,000	\$ 1,360,000
		\$6,358,560	\$1,599,856	\$4,758,704

*Funds previously provided to support Texas Rising Star assessor duties from October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.