

Texas Rising Star Centralized Assessors Discussion Paper

1 **Background**

2 On December 20, 2022, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) approved \$1.5 million in
3 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) funds for the Texas Rising Star Centralized
4 Assessors initiative.

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6 The Texas Rising Star Centralized Assessors initiative will consolidate the assessment function
7 under Texas Rising Star, with all Assessors employed by a single statewide entity rather than
8 individual Local Workforce Development Boards, as required by HB 1792 (87th Texas
9 Legislature, Regular Session).

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11 **Issue**

12 On October 31, 2022, TWC issued the Request for Proposals: [Texas Rising Star Assessors](#). The
13 eligible applicants who responded and qualified, including the top-scoring applicant, proposed
14 contract amounts higher than the amount approved in the FY'23 operating budget. Increasing the
15 FY'23 budgeted amount by \$8.4 million will allow TWC to move forward with contract
16 negotiations. The Commission can consider adjustments for future year budgets through the
17 annual statewide initiatives budget process.

18 **Recommendation**

19 Staff recommends increasing the amount of CCDF funds in the FY'23 operating budget for this
20 initiative by \$8.4 million, bringing the FY'23 initiative total to \$9.9 million.