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Memorandum

To: Governing Board

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Subject: Interagency Agreement Requirements for HBCU Participation

Background

The FY 19 Budget Bill added a requirement for Interagency Agreements between State Agencies (agencies) and Maryland Higher Education Institutions (institutions). Specifically, the new requirement provides that all agencies using Interagency Agreements should establish a goal of having at least 5% of the total amount awarded be awarded to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The bill also provides that a waiver of the goal can be granted by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) if an Agency provides a reasonable demonstration of good-faith efforts to achieve the goal.

Status

In June of 2018, the MLDS Center developed, submitted, and began to implement a plan to establish opportunities for HBCU partnerships, which resulted in the current partnership with Morgan State University. The partnership has a budget of \$30,000 for two years, which meets the goal established in the FY 19 budget bill. To date, the partnership has resulted in:

1. Identifying faculty partners at Morgan State
2. Preparing budgets and Institutional Review board documents
3. Planning for a MLDS research series presentation from Morgan State faculty