# Project Request

## Beta LMS Implementation

### Version of TAC 216 Companion Guide: 2016

### Start: July 1, 2015

### Projected End: August 1, 2017

### Project Request ID: IT-0041

Submit this document to the PPMO/PMO or Portfolio Director, Project Sponsor, Business Owner, and where applicable, CFO, for approval.

| **Approver Name** | **Approver Title** | **Signature** | **Date** | **Recommendation** |
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| Patricia Philipps | Sponsor | Patricia Philipps | 7/31/2015 | [x]  Approve[ ]  Reject |

#### Requestor

John Doe, Director of Instructional Services

#### Business Need

East Texas A&M University’s online education initiative is constrained from further growth by the limited feature set of the Alpha Learning Management System. Implementation of the Beta Learning Management System will enable continued growth in online education as outlined in the 2020 Vision.

#### Business Goals/Objectives

| # | Business Goal/Objective | Description |
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| PR001 | Enable hybrid courses | Make more efficient use of limited, available classroom space by implementing hybrid courses, which combine the features of both classrooms and online courses. |
| PR002 | Expand capacity for distance education | Scalability of online education features to support up to 100,000 credit hours per semester. |
| PR003 | SIS integration | Real-time integration with the student information system. |

#### Project Summary

Implement the Beta Learning Management System in partnership with the Best Higher Ed Consulting Company prior to the beginning of the 2017 fall semester.

#### Justification and Impact

This project will provide critical support for the Online Education Initiative outlined in the 2020 Vision. Failure to complete this project will constrain online education to existing levels.

#### Business Value

This project is estimated to cost approximately $1M. Over the next 5 years, it will:

* enable the university to avoid a $30M expenditure on new classroom space and
* provide $20M in tuition income through enrollment of 1,000 additional online students.

#### Institution/Agency Priority

[x]  High

[ ]  Medium

[ ]  Low

#### Institution/Agency Decision

[x]  Approved to proceed

[ ]  Deferred

[ ]  Rejected