

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL PROCUREMENT

In accordance with § 41-4-137 of the *Code of Alabama*, Athens State University hereby gives public notice that the Board of Trustees will vote on a special procurement above the small purchase amount for a seven-year and four-month contract for hosted subscription and cloud software with Ellucian Company, LLC. The special procurement for consideration will include: (1) renewal of the core and product components for the University's existing enterprise resource platform; (2) upgraded hosted, subscription, and managed cloud services for the enterprise resource platform and related software; and (3) software development maintenance services for the enterprise resource platform related services and is anticipated not to exceed \$10,100,000. The University needs to upgrade its existing enterprise resource platform to maximize efficiency and continue to realize the benefits of the University's 20+ year investment in the platform. The University believes that the cost, implementation time, University resources, information technology industry standards, and need for consistent student experiences, make this an unusual or unique situation which makes the application of all the requirements of competitive sealed bidding or competitive sealed proposals contrary to the public interest. It is the University's intention to investigate the available enterprise resource platform opportunities to determine if a future formal Request for Proposal process is feasible and consistent with the public interest. Additional details of the contract in consideration will be provided at the October 16, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting.