MEMORANDUM

TO:  System CEOs, CFOs and CIOs

SUBJECT:  Texas A&M University System Comprehensive IT Assessment

As you have all been aware, over the last several months Deloitte has been engaged with the System conducting a Comprehensive IT Assessment. You have all been instrumental in assisting in the completion of Part I of this Assessment, and I appreciate your support and participation in the process thus far.

Deloitte has completed Part I of the assessment, which analyzed IT Governance, IT Security and IT Network & Infrastructure across each of the System Members. They have submitted a set of recommendations related to these areas that is currently under review by the Executive Committee and project leadership. After our thorough review, these recommendations will be released more broadly.

In the meantime, we have made the decision to move forward with Part II of the Assessment, which Deloitte plans to complete by July. In Part II, Deloitte will analyze Application Management, IT Operations, IT Demand & Project Management, and IT Staffing & Support. Some of the information that you provided for Part I will be used in Part II, and Deloitte will be distributing data collection questionnaires for each of these four areas shortly. Site visits will not be made during Part II. The timeframe for data gathering is shorter than it was in Part I, and it is important that you respond promptly to the electronic data requests, as you have done throughout Part I.

We are excited about the opportunities presented thus far and about the lasting impact this Assessment and the resulting recommendations will have on our ability to achieve our mission of providing education, conducting research, and delivering services for the people of Texas and beyond. I trust that you will recognize the continued importance of this work, take an active role in Part II of the Assessment, and encourage your colleagues and staff to do the same. Ramesh Kannappan is the TAMUS Project Manager for this Assessment, and I ask that you please direct any questions you may have to him (rkannappan@ramu.edu or (979) 845-6458).

Thank you again for your assistance with this important project.

Ray Bonilla
General Counsel

cc:  Executive Committee