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This message has been approved by Dr. Sally McRorie, Provost and Executive Vice President, and Kyle Clark, Vice President for Finance and Administration, for distribution to all deans, directors, department heads, IT managers and budget managers.

In an effort to secure university data and efficiently acquire, deploy and manage resources that are used to store and process data, all servers and network-connected data storage devices and services now require the review and approval of Information Technology Services (ITS) before initiating the procurement process.

During the ITS review process, several factors will be evaluated to determine the total cost of ownership, best physical location, use of existing technologies and services, vendor and support model.

Considering power, space, cooling and redundancy requirements, existing and new physical servers and network-connected data storage devices will generally be housed in one of two FSU data centers—Sliger or Northwest Regional Data Center. Depending on where the equipment is located, a tiered service fee will be charged to departments. If it is determined that technology support responsibilities and integration with other resources requires servers or data storage devices to be located elsewhere, or if the planned use does not require storing of any private or protected information (such as those dedicated to teaching, laboratory or research endeavors), ITS may grant an exemption to the requirement for data center colocation.

To request ITS review and approval for a server or network-connected data storage device purchase, please [submit a support request](#) with the following information:

- Category: IT Services

- Specialty type: Server/Storage Purchase
- Detail: ITS Review/Approval

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