HIGH PERFORMANCE WORKSTATIONS

Overview:

Researchers often have a need to acquire high performance workstations for advanced data work & analysis within their environments. These machines have higher expectations than our standard CFAES workstation options, and provide advanced functionality over those which conduct daily business such as checking e-mail, creating documents, and typical analysis needs of a faculty member. Along with these higher expectations come higher price tags – investments researchers depend on for several years. While the college will not seek to replace these machines as part of a regular refresh cycle, CFAES Information Technology Services (CFAES ITS) must continue to secure these machines.

If a high-powered standalone workstation is needed for specialized research & data processing:

Then, the device:

- Will be counted for quarterly billing to CFAES units/departments, as an "additional device for an employee". The charge will be equal to the "IT Support" amount ($377.81 in FY20). The charge will not include the "Device Choice" amount.
- Will not be refreshed as part of the Managed IT Services agreement
- Will have its initial cost charged directly to the unit/department
- Will be refreshed as needed, at the cost of the unit/department, according to the determination of the CFAES ITS team, based on security and support needs
- Will be supported primarily by the CFAES ITS team, though other IT team members will contribute as needed
- Will be procured by contacting the IT Service Desk

Process for designation as a High Performance Workstation:

- For currently operating workstations, the CFAES ITS team will review the inventory list and designate devices, in consultation with the OCIO. If a department/unit believes a current device that is not designated as a High Performance Workstation should be considered one, they should contact the IT Service Desk.
- For future purchases, a department/unit needing a new or replacement High Performance Workstation will contact the IT Service Desk. The CFAES ITS team shall determine whether a particular device meets the criteria for the designation.

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