Renu Khator has been named by the University of Houston System's board as the sole finalist for the posts of chancellor and university president.

Khator, a native of India, has been University of South Florida provost since 2003 and prior to that was dean of that university's college of arts and sciences. She also has been a professor and director of USF's environmental science and policy department.

Following confirmation of the appointment, Khator is expected to begin her new job in January.

The UH System encompasses four universities and two multi-institution teaching centers.