



April 20, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Board of Trustees
FROM: William D. Law, Jr., President
SUBJECT: Grants and Contracts – TCC as Provider

Item Description:

This item requests that the Board approve the receipt of funding for the listed projects.

Overview:

I. RECEIPT, AMENDMENT, EXTENSION OF RESOURCES

Item #1: U.S. Department of State - Community College Summit Initiative Program (CCID) Egyptian Student Exchange Initiative

In September 2008, the College was awarded \$99,720 for the CCID Egyptian Student Exchange Initiative. The funding has enabled 4 individuals from Egypt to study at TCC to develop professional skills. The program has provided funding for round-trip airfare to the U.S.; a living allowance during academic, English language, and practical training program components; tuition costs; health insurance; and cultural enhancement activities. Programs may result in either a certificate or an Associate Degree. At the end of their program, students are required to return home and may not transfer to a four-year U.S. academic institution. The awarding agency is granting an additional \$10,600 to the program for a new total of \$110,320. This additional funding is to cover the costs of one additional semester for one student as well as an increase in the meal allowance that all four students are currently receiving.

Item #2: Employ Florida Alternative Energy Banner Center Project

In February 2008, the College was awarded \$47,000 for the Employ Florida Alternative Energy Banner Center project for the purpose of enhancing Florida's economic development efforts. This is being accomplished by providing training for workers (entry, advanced and skills upgrades) in renewable energy industries. The project is being led by the Florida Solar Energy Center at the University of Central Florida in

collaboration with Brevard, Broward and Tallahassee Community Colleges and other partners. TCC currently provides free train-the-trainer (e.g., power utilities and construction) and worker training in alternative energy technologies with a focus on solar electric and solar thermal technologies.

Three new deliverables are being added to the project. The deliverables are: a one day course for the faculty covering SWH and PV, student training in the area of SWH and/or PV, and the submission of a newsletter article. Due to the increase in deliverables for this project, the overall amount of the award will be increased by \$11,500 to \$58,500. The award period will now be February 18, 2008 to June 30, 2009. The indirect rate is 10% Modified Total Direct Cost.

Item #3: FLDOT – Click It or Ticket Rural Safety Belt Initiative

TCC is being awarded \$111,000 for the Click It or Ticket Rural Safety Belt Initiative. This initiative is part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Rural Demonstration Project (State of Florida Strategic Media Work Plan), which deals with safety belt usage and general traffic safety in rural areas.

As part of this initiative, a media plan is being developed by the Tombras Group on separate funding. Once the media plan is created and implemented, the College will then be responsible for purchasing the materials and equipment in support of the media plan and FLDOT safety belt enforcement waves during the period May 11-31, 2009. It is expected that there will be no materials or equipment that exceeds the \$25,000 threshold. The funding period of this project is from 4/20/09 – 9/30/09. The indirect rate is 8%.

Salient Facts:

The Board of Trustees has authority to contract with outside agencies for provider management.

Past Actions:

The Board approved the Employ Florida Alternative Energy Banner Center award at the October 2007 Board meeting, and the U.S. Department of State's CCID Egyptian Student award at the August 2008 Board meeting. No previous action has been taken on the FLDOT Click It or Ticket Rural Safety Belt Initiative.

Future Actions:

No further activity on the part of the Board is necessary.

Funding/Financial Matters:

All of the above items will be part of Fund 2, Restricted Funds. Item #1 will potentially bring in an additional \$1,045 in indirect. Item # 2 will result in zero dollars of indirect. Item # 3 will result in up to \$8,223 in indirect.

Staff Resource:
TERESA SMITH

Recommended Action:
Authorize receipt of additional funds for the Employ Florida Alternative Energy Banner Center award and the CCID Egyptian Student award, as well as the initial funding for the FLDOT Click It or Ticket Rural Safety Belt Initiative.