SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Committee on Academic and Workforce Success

AGENDA ITEM V-A

Consideration of adopting the staff recommendation to the Committee relating to the approval of funds to continue five successful Intensive College Readiness Programs for Adult Education Students (IPAES) and extend the current evaluation contract for evaluation of the programs in partial fulfillment of Rider 40, Align Basic Education and Postsecondary Education, General Appropriations Act (*82nd Texas Legislature, Regular Session*)

Total Current Project Cost:	$ 3,900,000
Additional Funding Request:	$ 395,000
New Total Project Cost:	$ 4,295,000
Source of Funds:	E.1.7 Strategy, ABE Community College Grants
Authority:	A.1.3. Strategy, College Readiness Initiatives, Texas Education Code, Section 61.0762(a)(1) Programs to Enhance Student Success; Rider 40, General Appropriations Act, 82nd Texas Legislature

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

(1) Board staff request approval to extend five currently funded Intensive Programs (IPAES) for an additional program year through August 2014. Extending funding would allow programs to serve additional students, track the college transition of program graduates, and provide additional information on best practices in intensive program design and implementation.
(2) Board staff request approval to extend the current evaluation contract with The University of Texas at Arlington with a focus on a program replication study.

Background Information:

The additional funding will provide support to five currently funded IPAES grantees to increase the number of adult education students participating in intensive college readiness programs. The five programs were chosen because they received satisfactory scores in all areas of their site visit evaluation and because students in the programs have the highest completion rates, and also show significant increases on pre/post scores on the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA) and the Learning and Study Strategies Inventory (LASSI).

These programs represent the only transition programs in the state for adult education students currently using consistent external evaluation protocols to determine program success. From evaluation of programs funded since 2010, Board staff have seen increases in mathematics and reading scores on the THEA for a majority of participants. The programs listed will utilize the new Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment which provides additional diagnostic information on student performance for programs and may lead to revisions of curricula to align to the Texas College and Career Readiness Standards.

South Texas College was listed on the original agenda item to receive $75,000 in additional funds, however, they notified staff (see email below) that they were electing not to accept funding because they had received another grant that would be a duplication of services. South Texas will continue to implement the program as planned using the other funds awarded. In light of this notice, staff recommends that the $75,000 be awarded to Midland College who was next in line for funding. The table has been updated to reflect that change.

From: Juan C. Aguirre [mailto:jcaguirr@southtexascollege.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 12:11 PM
To: Munoz, Linda
Subject: IP continuation for FY 2014

Good afternoon, Dr. Munoz:
Thank you for recommending South Texas College for the IP continuation for FY 2014. However, since STC will pursue the ABE continuation for FY 2014 and College Readiness will be part of that program, in order to avoid redundancy of programs and services, we feel it will be best not to participate in the IP continuation for FY 2014. I understand additional funds will be made available in the near future, and at that time I should be able to pursue another IP grant. On behalf of South Texas College, thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve our students and helping them become college ready.

Respectfully,

Juan Carlos Aguirre
South Texas College Continuing Education

Institution	Funding FY10-11	Funding FY12	Funding FY13	Total Awarded	Proposed Additional FY14	New Total Costs
Austin C.C.	$125,000	$125,000	$125,000	$375,000	$75,000	$450,000
Blinn College	0	$62,500	$87,500	$150,000	$75,000	$225,000
Kilgore College	$100,000	$100,000	$75,000	$275,000	$75,000	$350,000
Tyler Junior College	0	$125,000	$75,000	$200,000	$75,000	$275,000
Midland College	$125,000	$125,000	$125,000	$375,000	$75,000	$450,000
Lone Star Coll. System	$125,000	$125,000	$125,000	$375,000	0	$375,000
Texarkana College	$125,000	$125,000	$125,000	$375,000	0	$375,000
Richland College	$125,000	$125,000	$87,500	$337,500	0	$337,500
Alamo Colleges	0	$125,000	$125,000	$250,000	0	$250,000
ESC VI	$62,500	0	0	$62,500	0	$62,500
Lit Council Of Tyler	$125,000	0	0	$125,000	0	$125,000
ESC 20	$125,000	0	0	$125,000	0	$125,000
San Angelo P-16	$125,000	0	0	$125,000	0	$125,000
Northside ISD (SA)	$87,500	0	0	$87,500	0	$87,500
External Evaluator	$100,000	$100,000	$100,000	$300,000	$20,000	$320,000
Totals:	$1,475,000	$1,250,000	$1,175,000	$3,900,000	$395,000	$4,295,000

Dr. Judith Loredo, Assistant Commissioner for P-16 Initiatives, will present this item.