

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

Work Session Agenda

December 12, 2007

8:30 AM

Arapahoe Community College

In our continuing effort to be the BEST community college system in the country, here is this month's Marvelous Motivation: *"Just one great idea can revolutionize your life."* Earl Nightingale

Discussion Items

- A. Recognitions – 15 min.
 - Outstanding Chief Business Officers, Cliff Richardson
 - Outstanding Business Office Staff: Tracy Schneider, MCC, Eileen Hogue, PPCC, Janet Waggoner, FRCC
 - Outstanding Business Officers: Mike Kupcho, FRCC, Wes Geary, CCA
 - Outstanding Student, Melissa Kernan, CNCC – John Boyd
- B. CCCS Education Foundation Board Members, Kristin Corash - 30 min
- C. ERP Metrics, Julie Ouska - 30 min
- D. Colorado First and Existing Industries Transfer, Kristin Corash – 15 min
- E. Employee Tuition and Housing Agreements between PPCC and UCCS, Tony Kinkel – 15 min
- F. Brainstorming

After lunch, ACC will host a campus tour. Please join us as we explore the Firearms Simulator, Mortuary Science Program, and the Milestone Project, ACC's new art installation.

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TOPIC: Colorado First and Existing Industry – Transfer of funds between programs

PRESENTED BY: Kristin Corash and Yvonne Gilstrap

EXPLANATION:

The State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education administers Colorado First and Existing Industry programs in collaboration with the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OED). Colorado First customized training grants are awarded to companies that are creating new jobs in Colorado; Existing Industry grants are granted to companies that are facing technological challenges in maintaining their economic competitiveness in Colorado. For fiscal year 2008, Colorado First was appropriated \$2,725,022. Funds (\$1,000,000) was transferred effective July 1, 2007 into the Existing Industry program as approved in the May SBCCOE meeting. In an effort to spread the grant funds to meet the greatest need, the General Assembly passed HB 04-1166, signed into law by Governor Owens on March 17, 2004, that expands the SBCCOE's statutory authority to transfer up to 100% of the Colorado First funds into the Existing Industry program. This provision is especially important in providing flexibility to Colorado in meeting its economic development needs, balancing the state's expansion versus retention needs against actual demand.

As Colorado has been recovering from the recession earlier in this decade, there have been increases in Colorado First grant applications as new jobs have been created. In fact, FY07 was the first year in many that nearly all grant funds were expended to support Colorado business. The gap has narrowed significantly, but Existing Industry applications continue to outpace Colorado First as companies seek funds for retraining the current workforce to keep up with technological change and growing competition. Our greatest funding priority remains training for net new jobs added to the economy; however, we must balance that priority with job and company retention. Therefore, we request to transfer an additional \$725,000 from the Colorado First appropriation to the Existing Industry program. While rural and small companies continue to remain a top funding priority, we also evaluate industries within the strategic framework identified by Governor Ritter in the "Colorado Promise".

With the tightening of funds, companies have had to wait a month or more for an approval based on SBCCOE approved funds transfers. This is because grant timelines and SBCCOE meetings do not coincide. We could make the approvals in a much timelier manner if the SBCCOE would delegate the authorization of these types of transfers to the CCCS President.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the SBCCOE authorize the transfer of \$725,000 of Colorado First funds to Existing Industry effective immediately.

In addition staff recommends the SBCCOE delegate the funds transfer authority to the CCCS President and request that the CCCS President report on the transfer at the subsequent SBCCOE meeting.

ATTACHMENT A

Colorado First/Existing Industry Program Budgets

Colorado First						
	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>FY07 Returned Funds</u>	<u>Net Disbursements</u>	<u>Admin</u>	<u>Carry Forward Balance</u>
FY07	2,725,022.00	-1,600,000.00	552,267.00	-2,456,138.00	-29,810.11	1,243,043.11
FY08	2,725,022.00	-1,000,000.00	640,739.28	-1,062,510.00*	-9,735.13	434,384.00
Request		-725,000.00		-924,681.00**	-18,698.30	1,727,900.15
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Existing Industry					
	<u>Appropriations</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>FY07 Returned Funds</u>	<u>Net Disbursements</u>	<u>Carry Forward Balance</u>
FY 07		1,600,000.00	448,239.00	-2,217,711.00	169,472.00
FY 08		1,000,000.00	341,278.03	-1,047,235.00*	0.00
Request		725,000.00		-1,000,088.00**	294,043.03
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					18,955.03

* 1st Period disbursements FY08

**proposed 2nd Period disbursements FY08

