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RATIFY EXEMPTION FROM A FORMAL COMPETITIVE
PROCESS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS
MICROELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

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REPORT: The Science and Technology Department has a need to
purchase various items of microelectronic equipment from
different sources to accommodate the increased demand
from different Electronic Companies to have PCC continue
to provide Microelectronic Training. The department needs
to upgrade and expand the student laboratories in the
Microelectronic Program.

This fiscal year (02) the department needs to spend
\$178,950 to upgrade and expand the student laboratories in
the Microelectronics Program. Next fiscal year (03) they will
spend approximately an additional \$206,000.

All College acquisitions that exceed \$50,000 total for all
items require a formal competitive process and Board
approval, or an exemption from such a process by the Board
(acting as the Local Contract Review Board). Due to the
Departments requirements to provide several set-ups for
hands-on student laboratories, the equipment will need to be
identical and compatible with existing equipment and
laboratory set-ups.

To have efficient utilization of the existing microelectronics equipment in the student labs the Department must acquire compatible components, which usually requires them to purchase equipment from the original vendor to guarantee this compatibility for laboratory components. Expenditures for this equipment have been under \$50,000 to date this fiscal year, and the department has obtained price quotes to ensure that the College is given the best and lowest costs. The department will need to match the current lab set-ups and would like to purchase identical equipment to accommodate more students in the Laboratories.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Directors ratify an exemption from a competitive process for the acquisition of microelectronic equipment in an amount of \$178,950 for FY02, and an additional \$206,000 from FY03. Expenditures will be from both General Fund and Grant & Contract Funds.

Director Anderson moved to approve Resolutions 02-084 through 02-094 and it passed unanimously.