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APPROVE THE COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF TWO COLLEGES FOR RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM THE GATES GRANT TO REPLICATE THE PCC COLLEGE BOUND PROGRAM

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REPORT: In March of 2003, the College received a \$4.8 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to enhance and replicate its College Bound Program over the next five (5) years. College Bound, a program of PCC Prep Alternative Education, serves high school dropouts, aged 16-20. Students earn high school credit to complete their high school diploma while pursuing an AA degree at PCC. More than half of the program graduates from the spring of 2003 graduated with honors.

The Gates grant is to fund a total of eight (8) replication sites of PCC's College Bound Program at other community colleges around the country. Funds will be granted by PCC to the competitively-selected colleges and will then also involve intensive planning and technical assistance from PCC staff.

The first round of college site selection involved, as dictated by the grant, a rigorous process of discovery, formal letters of intent, applications for planning funds (including a proposed scope of work), and a competitive review of proposals by PCC staff. Two colleges have been selected:

Riverside Community College, Riverside, California: to receive a grant of \$300,000 over three (3) years.

Montgomery College, Rockville, Maryland: to receive a grant of \$350,000 over three (3) years.

The discovery phase of the second round of site selection will begin this winter, with three (3) additional colleges to be selected by the fall of 2004. The third round of site selection will take place sometime in 2005.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors approve the competitive selection of the first two (2) colleges based on the Gates Grant: Riverside Community College (\$300,000), and Montgomery College (\$350,000). Contracts will be negotiated and executed for these projects.

Director Williams moved to approve Resolutions 04-044 through 04-055 and it passed unanimously.