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APPROVE THE COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF
ADDITIONAL THREE COLLEGES FOR RECEIPT OF
FUNDS FROM THE GATES GRANT TO REPLICATE THE
PCC GATEWAY TO COLLEGE 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 Gateway to College Program over five (5) years. Gateway to College, 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 Gateway to College 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 took place in the fall of 2003 and two (2) colleges were selected (Resolution 04-054). Riverside Community College, Riverside, California: was awarded a grant of \$300,000 over three (3) years; and Montgomery (Community) College, Rockville, Maryland: was awarded a grant of \$350,000 over three (3) years.

The second round of college site selection again involved, as dictated by the grant: a rigorous process of discovery,

formal letters of intent (that were rated per listed criteria), site visits of top-rated colleges, applications for planning funds including a proposed scope of work, and a competitive review of these proposals (that were rated also) by PCC staff. Three (3) colleges have been selected:

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

Palo Alto Community College, San Antonio , Texas: to receive a grant of \$350,000 over three (3) years.

Georgia Perimeter (Community) College, Decatur, Georgia; to receive a grant of \$350,000 over three (3) years.

The discovery phase of the third round of site selection will begin this winter, with three (3) additional colleges to be selected by the fall of 2005

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Directors approve the competitive selection of the second round of site selection of colleges based on the Gates Grant: Clackamas Community College (\$300,000), Palo Alto Community College (\$350,000), and Georgia Perimeter (Community) College (\$350,000). Contracts will be negotiated and executed for these projects.

Director Margolin moved to approve Resolutions 05-005 through 05-019 and it was approved unanimously.