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05-070

RESOLUTION TO ALLOW PARTICIPANTS OF THE
CATERPILLAR DEALER SERVICE TECHNICIAN (THINKBIG)
PROGRAM FROM NON-NEIGHBORING STATES TO PAY IN-
STATE TUITION

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REPORT: The Caterpillar Corporation, one of the Dow Jones Industrials Index components, is considering Portland Community College as their Pacific Northwest regional training center for the ThinkBIG program. Students in the program will maintain residence in, and have dealer-sponsorship from, one of the five dealer states: Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska. The service technician program includes curriculum in: electronics, engines, hydraulics, power generation, power train and transmissions, and undercarriage, general education, and on-the-job-training at Caterpillar dealerships, culminating in an Associates Degree in Applied Science.

The program will be beneficial to the College in developing corporate partnerships, which is one of the top priorities for the College. In order to facilitate the partnership, the College will need to treat the program participants from non-neighboring states (Montana and Alaska) the same as the participants from neighboring states (Washington and Idaho). Currently the students from Washington and Idaho pay in-state tuition. It is the recommendation of staff that the College waive out-of-state tuition for participants of the program from non-neighboring states.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve this resolution to allow the participants of the ThinkBIG program to pay in-state tuition regardless of their state of residence as part of the College's good faith effort to secure this partnership.

Director Germond moved to approve Resolutions 05-062 through 05-070 by consent agenda and it passed unanimously.