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APPROVE THE COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF FIVE
ADDITIONAL COLLEGES TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM
THE GATES GRANT TO REPLICATE THE PORTLAND
COMMUNITY COLLEGE GATEWAY TO COLLEGE
PROGRAM

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REPORT:

Gateway to College serves high school dropouts aged 16 to 20. Students earn dual credit to complete their high school diploma while pursuing an AA degree. Beginning in March of 2003, the College received three grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation totaling \$13.2 million to enhance and replicate its Gateway to College program. These grants will fund 20 replication sites.

Gates dollars help fund planning and start-up at partner sites. Twelve (12) colleges have been funded so far: two (2) are starting their fourth year with students, three (3) are starting their third year, four (4) are starting their second year, and three (3) opened their doors for the first time to students this term. The five (5) sites selected this year will be open to students in the fall of 2008, bringing the total number of sites in the national network to seventeen (17) plus PCC.

Throughout the replication, program sites have been selected through a competitive process dictated by the grant: a rigorous process of discovery, formal letters of interest that are rated by a diverse review team of PCC staff and outside experts, site visits to top-rated colleges, applications for planning funds including a proposed

scope of work, a competitive review of final proposals, and site selection review by the Gates Foundation.

Five colleges have been selected for this fifth round of funding:

St. Louis Community College, St. Louis, MO: to receive a grant of \$350,000 over three (3) years.

Laney College, Oakland, CA: to receive a grant of \$350,000 over three (3) years.

Savannah Technical College, Savannah, GA: to receive a grant of \$325,000 over three (3) years.

Front Range Community College, Westminster, CO: to receive a grant of \$325,000 over three (3) years.

Holyoke Community College, Holyoke, MA: to receive a grant of \$350,000 over three (3) years.

The discovery phase of the sixth round of site selection has just begun. Three (3) sites remain to be selected. Additional fundraising is planned to continue network growth beyond 2008.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Directors approve the competitive selection of the fifth round site selection of colleges based on the Gates Grant: St. Louis Community College (\$350,000), Laney College (\$350,000), Savannah Technical College (\$325,000), Holyoke Community College (\$350,000) and Front Range Community College (\$325,000). Contracts will be negotiated and executed for these projects upon Board approval.