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APPROVE ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF EXISTING
CONTRACT FOR LEGAL COUNSEL SERVICES

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REPORT: The College has an ongoing need to contract with qualified firms to provide general legal counsel services and has contracted with Miller Nash since 2001. The most recent professional services contract is dated December of 2006, with a five-year term extension granted by the Board in August of 2012, thus expiring August 24, 2017.

It should be noted that 2015 Oregon Revised Statute 279.025(e) The Public Contracting Code does not apply to: (e) Contracts for professional or expert witnesses or consultants to provide services or testimony relating to existing or potential litigation or legal matters in which a public body is or may become interested. Therefore no RFP is required. However, it is the intention that these services will go out to bid within the timeframe allotted for this contract extension (one year).

Upon review of the services provided and in recognition of the successful professional rapport developed over the continuing contract, the College would like to continue its current relationship with Miller Nash Graham and Dunn LLP as general counsel and issue a new one-year contract. In the event Miller Nash Graham and Dunn LLP has a conflict of interest, the College will match specific expertise and qualifications to the situation, and issue contracts on an as-needed basis.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors award a one-year contract to Miller Nash Graham and Dunn LLP as general counsel for the College.