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APPROVAL FOR 3-YEAR CONTRACT WITH MCGRAW-HILL GLOBAL EDUCATION HOLDINGS FOR ALEKS TEST

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REPORT: As part of the strategic move to multiple measures placement assessment, the College has implemented the ALEKS Placement, Preparation, and Learning (ALEKS PPL) platform to assess student readiness for college-level math courses, as well as to provide a tool for students to prepare for placement assessment, and to refresh and further develop their math skills in support of their college coursework.

ALEKS PPL was adopted based on research into effective tools for assessing students' math skills as well as providing support for students to refresh and refine their skills. ALEKS is the only available system that provides both components in a seamless transition between preparation and learning to assessment. It is a proven successful component of other multiple measures placement models upon which PCC's new placement process was based, and is already utilized as an instructional tool in many of the Math courses at PCC. There are no other solutions that provide this unique combination of assessment and remediation in an online, self-service format. The tool was recommended by the state-wide task force on placement, and pricing is determined by state-wide adoption of this tool.

With new placement process entering its first full year of implementation, the College would like to enter into a three-year contract with McGraw-Hill Global Educational Holdings to continue to use ALEKS in our placement assessment process. The annual cost for ALEKS is estimated to be \$189,000 for a 3 year total cost of \$540,000.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Directors approve the 3 year contract with McGraw-Hill Global Educational Holdings for the ALEKS PPL platform.