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TO:

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THROUGH:

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FROM:

Anthony Brown

Director of Operations

DATE:

October 5, 2016

SUBJECT:

Purchase of Property on Behalf of the SOWELA Technical Community

College

FOR BOARD ACTION

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board authorize the System President and the Chancellor of SOWELA Technical Community College to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for the purchase of a portion of a roadway leading to the SOWELA Regional Training Center for up to \$15,000. The purchase will be recorded with the Division of Administration, State Land Office. A copy of the property's legal description is available in the office of the Chief Operations Officer.

Background: This board item is being brought back before the board for action as additional owners of the property, identified after the prior board action, sought a higher selling price than the original one offered. As such, SOWELA seeks board approval to purchase this property at the new requested price of \$15,000.

As a part of the SOWELA Regional Training Center project, the current road (Merganser Street) that provides access to the new parking lot at the back of the facility needs to be removed and completely rebuilt. SOWELA owns only half of the road; the other half belongs to private land owners. The college cannot rebuild that part of the road that it does not own because construction on private property using State funds is prohibited.

The size of this portion of the road is approximately 13' wide and 150' - 200' long. The portion of the road that the college will be purchasing starts at the intersection of Legion Street and ends at the intersection of Avenue B. A map depicting the area to be purchased is attached.

Fiscal Impact: The college will purchase the property for \$15,000 using funds from its operating budget.

History of Prior Actions: The Board took action at the May 2016 meeting to purchase the property for \$5,000.

Benefits to the System: The purchase of this property will allow the college to rebuild the road that provides access to the SOWELA Regional Training Center.

Approved for Recommendation to the Board

Dr. Monty Sullivan, President

Date

