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THROUGH: Joseph F. Marin

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Chief Operations Officer

FROM:

Joel Watkins

Director of Budget and Planning

DATE:

March 16, 2017

RE:

Contract for Legal Services between LCTCS and Brustein and

Manasevit, PLLC

FOR BOARD ACTION

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board approve a professional legal services contract between LCTCS Board of Supervisors and Brustein and Manasevit, PLLC, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020, pending final approval by the state offices of the Attorney General, Risk Management and State Procurement.

Background: The LCTCS Board is charged with managing the federal Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 and the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, which total approximately \$35 million annually. Additionally, many recent programmatic rule changes in Carl Perkins programs have created the need for specific legal expertise in administration of these programs. The legal firm of Brustein and Manasevit, PLLC has unique expertise in managing federal programs with over thirty-two years of experience in federal education programs.

Fiscal Impact: The contract is not to exceed \$175,000 over a three year period.

History of Prior Actions: The Board approved similar contracts at meetings in March of 2012 and March of 2014.

Benefits to the System: The contract will provide legal professional services to the board in the management of federal programs to ensure compliance with federal program requirements.

Approved for Recommendation to the Board

Dr. Monty Sullivan, President

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