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TO: Dr. Monty Sullivan
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THROUGH: Joseph F. Marin
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FROM: Anthony Brown
Chief Facilities Management Officer
DATE: November 27, 2023
SUBJECT: ACT 959 Project for SOWELA Technical Community College

APPROVED
12/13/23
LCTCS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FOR BOARD ACTION

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board authorize the System President and the Chancellor of SOWELA Technical Community College to complete all requirements and execute all documents necessary to use the state's Act 959 process to construct a Pipeline Trainer Project at the Lake Charles Campus. Approvals from the Board of Regents, Facility Planning and Control, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget are required for this process.

Background: Act 959 (La. R.S. 39:128) of 2003 permits certain capital projects to be performed by an institution without going through the traditional capital outlay process. Construction and renovation projects not exceeding \$5,000,000 from self-generated, auxiliary income, grants, building use fees, and donations are permitted through this process with proper approvals. Local and federal funds can also be used for these projects.

SOWELA proposes to construct a facility to provide training to potential local workers that have an interest in working in the pipeline construction industry. The new training facility will offer real world training on pipeline construction, maintenance, and repair. The facility will be designed as a state-of-the art pipeline training flow loop that provides the students with the knowledge of pipeline installation and all aspects of material flow through pipelines.

Fiscal Impact: The project will be funded from a donation and the current estimated construction cost is \$1.3 million.

History of Prior Actions: N/A

Benefits to the System: The construction of this new facility will provide training in high demand, high wage occupations for citizens in the local area.

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Approved for Recommendation to the Board
Dr. Monty Sullivan, President

Date

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Act 959 SOWELA Pipeline Trainer

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