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TO:

Dr. Monty Sullivan LCTCS President

THROUGH: Joseph F. Marin Chief Operations

FROM:

Anthony Brown

Director of Operations, Risk and Emergency Management

DATE:

April 1, 2019

SUBJECT:

Purchase of Property on Behalf of the SOWELA Technical Community

College

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board authorize the System President and Chancellor of SOWELA Technical Community College to negotiate and execute all documents necessary for the purchase of two (2) parcels of land adjacent to the Lake Charles campus. Recording of the property with the Division of Administration, State Land Office is required and a copy of the property's legal description is available in the office of the Chief Operations Officer. A depiction of the location of the property is attached.

Background: SOWELA has undergone a major transformation in its site development over the last eight years with the construction of new facilities resulting from ACT 391 and ACT 360 funding. The college acquired additional property to construct the Regional Training Center and is currently building a Culinary Arts, Gaming, and Hospitality Center.

In an effort to provide additional property for future growth and expansion of the campus, the college is exploring the opportunity to acquire two parcels of land adjacent to the Regional Training Center. One parcel is approximately 2.3 acres and the other is approximately 1.2 acres. The total appraised value of these two parcels is \$266,000.

SOWELA intends to use these two properties for additional parking for the Regional Training Center and to provide additional workforce training space for the proposed Pipeline Training Loop for simulation pipeline training. Proposals for this property also include the construction of a receiving/shipping warehouse, as well as space for student government intermural sporting activities. The acquisition of this additional property will ensure that the rear of SOWELA's campus does not become landlocked between the existing businesses who have also expressed an interest in expanding onto this same property.

Fiscal Impact: The two parcels have a combined appraised value of \$266,000. The purchase will be funded from the college's operating budget.

History of Prior Actions: N/A

Benefits to the System: The purchase of this property will provide additional space for the college to expand and it will allow the college to control the growth near the campus.

Approved for Recommendation to the Board

Dr. Monty Sullivan, President

4-10-19

Date



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