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TO: Dr. Monty Sullivan
LCTCS President
THROUGH: Joseph F. Marin
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

Date