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FROM: Anthony Brown
Director of Operations

DATE: February 26, 2018

SUBJECT: Amendment of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish Policy Jury, Chenault International Airport Authority and the LCTCS

FOR BOARD ACTION

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board authorize the President and the Chancellor of SOWELA Technical Community College to negotiate and execute an amendment to the existing Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish Policy Jury, Chenault International Airport Authority and the LCTCS to allow the donation of a parcel of land, known as Merganser Street, to the LCTCS, for the benefit of SOWELA Technical Community College.

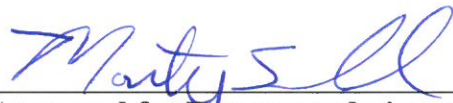
Background: In November 2013, a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Louisiana Department of Economic Development, the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish Policy Jury, Chenault International Airport Authority and the LCTCS was executed to facilitate the donation of property to construct the SOWELA Regional Training Center. The Department of Economic Development agreed to assist in securing \$20 million in CDBG for design, construction and equipping the training facility to address training needs for tens of thousands of jobs expected from industry expansions in the area. The training center was constructed and began operations in 2016.

The parties to the current agreement desire to transfer their interest in a parcel of land west of the training center, known as Merganser Street, to the LCTCS for the benefit of SOWELA. A portion of this street needs to be developed to furnish an additional means of pedestrian and vehicular access to the training center and other facilities that have been constructed. Upon due diligence by Board staff, to insure that at all requirements to accept the property are met and the interest of the LCTCS is protected, and after negotiations are completed, the agreement will be executed and the transfer will occur.

Fiscal Impact: The cost estimate for this project is \$125,000. SOWELA will cover \$53,000 of the cost from Riverboat Head Tax Funds and the remaining balance of \$72,000 will be provided by CDBG project funds.

History of Prior Actions: During the September 2013 meeting of the LCTCS Board of Supervisors, the Board approved a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana Department of Economic Development, the City of Lake Charles, the Calcasieu Parish Policy Jury, Chenault International Airport Authority and the LCTCS to allow the donation of a parcel of land to the LCTCS, for the benefit of SOWELA Technical Community College to construct a Regional Training Center.

Benefits to the System: Transfer of Merganser Street through this amendment will better and more effectively enable LCTCS to use the Training Center, thereby furthering the public objectives of economic development in Southwest Louisiana, and furnishing appropriate facilities for the training and education of Louisiana citizens.



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

Date