

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

**Contract Approval for Jobs for the Future, Technical Assistance Partner  
for NC OVAE "Ready for College" Grant**

**Request:**

The State Board of Community Colleges is requested to approve the contract with Jobs for the Future (JFF) in the amount of \$54,000 to provide technical assistance to the System Office and five (5) grant funded college sites which are: Davidson County Community College, Forsyth Technical Community College, Pamlico Community College, Pitt Community College, and South Piedmont Community College for the North Carolina "Ready for College" initiative.

**History:**

This is the second agreement with Jobs for the Future. The first agreement was for the time period October 1, 2008, to September 27, 2009. During this first year, Jobs for the Future provided technical assistance to the colleges, including onsite visits, identified preliminary topics for the professional briefs, conducted a "Breaking Through" Peer Learning survey, tabulated responses and provided a brief summary to each college in the program, and provided support at the National Association of Developmental Educators conference in February 2009. Jobs for the Future received \$46,000 in payment for their services.

**Rationale:**

The North Carolina Community College System was approved for a no-cost extension on October 1, 2009, for the North Carolina OVAE "Ready for College" grant from September 28, 2009, until September 27, 2010. During this extension year Jobs for the Future will work to assist colleges in researching and implementing their program approaches. The contract will include technical assistance at our state task force meetings, publishing three professional briefs relevant to the re-engagement and successful transitioning of 18-24 year old high school drop-outs into college programs, production of one national webinar, and a final North Carolina "Ready for College" report.

**Method of Procurement:**

In accordance with the procurement practice of the State of North Carolina, approval is being sought by outside purchasing authorities. Approval of the contract by the State Board is contingent upon approval by Purchase and Contract.

**Funds Availability and Time Period:**

These funds are made available from the "Ready for College" grant by the US Department of Education, Office for Vocational and Adult Education, for a portion of the activities supported by this award; accounts with the federal U S Department of Education are already in place. The funds will support evaluation activities and reporting requirements to the US Department of Education from April 1, 2010 to September 27, 2010.

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