



## **REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEM**

TAB 3b

October 30, 2009

Consent Item  Action (Resolution 09-10-25)

### **Topic**

South Seattle Community College: Puget Sound Industrial Excellence Center Addition

### **Description**

Recent new construction at the South Seattle Community College Georgetown campus included the new 13,400 square-foot Gene J. Colin Education Hall which houses the Puget Sound Industrial Excellence Center (PSIEC). The PSIEC was built with funding from the Washington State Legislature and a \$1 million contribution from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This request is for a \$5.2 million expansion using local funds. Local fund requests exceeding \$400,000 require State Board authorization.

### **Major Considerations**

- How will the expansion be used to address college needs as well as partner programs?
- Is there sufficient funding to support the project?

### **Analysis**

South Seattle Community College led a proposal to seek public works project funding through the U.S. Economic Development Agency within the U.S. Department of Commerce. In December 2007 the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District assigned highest priority ranking to the project. The college was recently awarded a \$4 million federal grant from the U.S. Economic Development Agency for the expansion, with construction anticipated to begin in 2010. Funding will be used to help design and build a Leadership in Environment and Energy Design (LEED) certified 9,800 square-foot building addition. Along with a \$1 million appropriation to Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development for this project from the Washington State Legislature and a \$200,000 donation from the Norcliffe Foundation, the \$5.2 million capital expansion will be used to accommodate additional entrepreneurship and green jobs training, expand campus conference facilities, and provide space for business, government and community partners.

Today the Georgetown Campus trains more than 4,000 apprentices in more than 20 different trades annually (including Boilermakers, Cable Splicers, Sprinkler Fitters, Meat Cutters, Cement Masons, Drywall, glaziers, Ironworkers, Machinists, and others), supporting more than 4,000 businesses with 70,000 employees located in the surrounding corridor. In addition to the apprenticeship training programs, new training initiatives have been launched at the PSIEC including:

- Energy audit courses and certification
- Summer pre-apprenticeship programs for at-risk youth
- Conservation and weatherization program
- Building sustainability management program
- International trade, transportation and logistics program

**Recommendation**

The staff recommends approving Resolution 09-10-25 allowing South Seattle Community College to expend up to \$5.2 million in local funds to construct a 9,800 square-foot addition to the Puget Sound Industrial Excellence Center.

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES**  
**RESOLUTION 09-10-25**

A resolution relating to South Seattle Community College Puget Sound Industrial Excellence Center Addition.

**WHEREAS**, South Seattle Community College has established the need for expansion of the existing Puget Sound Industrial Excellence Center; and

**WHEREAS**, South Seattle Community College has secured \$5.2 million in federal, state, and local funds to construct the addition; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility will provide much needed space for partnerships with manufacturing and industry to address economic development and increase skills through expanded apprenticeship.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges authorizes South Seattle Community College to use up to \$5.2 million in local funds to construct a 9,800 square-foot addition to the Puget Sound Industrial Excellence Center.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on October 30, 2009.

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J.A. Bricker, Chair

**ATTEST:**

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Charles N. Earl, Secretary