

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 05/12/2005

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Selection of PLATO Lab Providers

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Accept the recommendations of the RFP Evaluation Committee and direct Workforce Investment to bring the recommendations and negotiated contracts to BOS for approval.

DISCUSSION: On March 10, 2005, the Workforce Investment Board directed that a Request for Proposal be issued for Basic Education Services through the use of PLATO Labs at both the Merced and Los Banos Worknet Employment Resource Centers. The Board of Supervisors approved that action during its February 22, 2005 meeting. The RFP opened March 8, 2005 and closed April 19, 2005. The RFP Evaluation Team met April 26, 2005 and selected Merced Adult School as the provider for the Merced lab, and Merced College as the provider for the Los Banos lab.

No other providers bid on this RFP. Merced Adult School bid only on the Merced lab, and Merced College bid only on the Los Banos lab. Both Merced Adult School and Merced College are the current providers for the PLATO Labs.

Merced Adult School has been the instructional provider for the Merced PLATO Lab since its inception in 1990. Over the last three years, on the average, 175 students have used the Lab each year. If approved, next year's contract will provide for a certified instructor to be at the Merced PLATO Lab 3 hours per day, 52 weeks of the year, and will run from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 at a cost not to exceed \$25,185. Any Average Daily Attendance (ADA) generated as a result of this contract will be credited to the cost of the contract.

Merced College has been the instructional provider for the PLATO Lab in Los Banos since 1997. They have far exceeded the contracted number of participants each year, and over 90% of students from the Lab taking the GED exam pass. The current contract calls for 200 students to be served. If approved, next year's contract will provide for certified instructors to be at the Los Banos PLATO Lab 43 hours per week for 51 weeks per year. The contract will run from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 at a cost not to exceed \$62,040. Any Full Time Equivalent Students (FTES) generated as a result of this contract will be credited to the cost of the contract.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A