

TO: Executive Committee

DATE: 6/05/06

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

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For Discussion

SUBJECT: Renewal of Registered Nurse Contract

PROPOSED MOTION (S): That the Registered Nurse (RN) Contract be approved and sent to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) for ratification.

DISCUSSION: In 2002, the WIB chose to expand its participation in the production of RNs from Merced College. WIB-sponsored enrollments were increased to 24. At this time, 6 WIB-sponsored RNs graduate each semester and 6 new students enter each semester.

The contract will run from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, at a total contract cost of \$179,721. This is a 32% increase from last year's contract. The cost increase is attributed to salary increases and a 20+% increase in the College's benefits package.

The Department of Workforce Investment did receive a grant last year to cover the cost of the RN program for two years. The grant will cover all but \$21,919 of next year's contract.

ATTACHMENT (S): N/A