

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Items

March 20, 2007

SUBJECT: Pensacola Junior College - Request Site Designation Approval for Public Safety and Fire Training Special Purpose Center

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.02 (7) (e), Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Florida Department of Education's strategic imperative to coordinate efforts to improve higher student learning is achieved with the approval of this request for the special purpose center. Rule 6A-14.0061, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), entitled "Campus, Center, Special Purpose Center and Instructional Site Designations" provides that the State Board of Education review and recommend for or against the establishment of campuses, centers and special purpose centers. To obtain State capital outlay and operating support, the facilities must be designated a campus, center or special purpose center. Based on the documentation presented by the college, all the criteria stipulated in Rule 6A-14.0061 are satisfied. The college is requesting designation of a Special Purpose Center to meet the need and demand for highly trained and skilled emergency services professionals. Escambia County and Pensacola Junior College are pursuing the development of the Escambia County Public Safety Training Complex as a joint-funded project for a regional, multi-agency training complex. The County has provided \$10.9 million to be matched by the Community College Facilities Enhancement Challenge Grant Program. The College will work collaboratively with the Escambia County Sheriff's Office, Fire Rescue, Emergency Medical Services and other county municipal law enforcement and fire rescue agencies. Also, the College will work with the County Healthcare District to identify program and training facilities, apparatus and props that will ensure the highest level of instruction and training for students going through the public safety program.

In concert with the goal of the State and the college to provide access to specific needed professional training to their citizens, this request for a new special purpose center is justified to better serve Escambia County and the students of Pensacola Junior College.

Request for a waiver for this item.

Yes

No

Supporting Documentation Included: Letter of Request; Proposal; Pensacola Junior College's Board of Trustees Minutes of Approval; Rule 6A- 14.0061, F.A.C.; Community College Procedures to Request Campus, Center, Special Purpose Center and Instructional Site Designation.

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