

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Consent Item
December 11, 2007

SUBJECT: Approval of Request Site Designation for Clear Springs Special Purpose Center by Polk Community College

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.02(4)(e), Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Rule 6A-14.0061, Florida Administrative Code (FAC), 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, FAC are satisfied. The college is requesting the designation of a Special Purpose Center for the development of a Corporate Training Center for advanced manufacturing and technology training. The College has received a 20-acre land donation for the site in the Clear Springs Research Park. Additionally, it has received a \$12 million donation to be matched through the Community College Facilities Enhancement Challenge Grant Program to build the facilities for the training center. A special purpose center designation will allow the college to receive funding from the state for the operations and maintenance of the buildings on the site. The primary threshold for a Special Purpose Center in Rule 6A-14.0061(3) FAC, is that a site has a limited number of special, clearly defined programs or services, such as instruction or administration and this request satisfies that guideline.

Request for a waiver for this item.

Yes No

Supporting Documentation Included: Letter of Request, Proposal, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes and Approval as part of their Capital Improvement Program, SBOE Rule 6A-14.0061, FAC

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