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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: District Board of Trustees

FROM: William D. Law, Jr., President

SUBJECT: Workforce Development Update

Two new initiatives in Workforce Development have developed in the last 30 days. This update is to provide new information on the Gadsden County initiative to assist displaced workers and the newly signed agreement between Tallahassee Community College and the Department of Management Services to provide training for their employees.

1. The Gadsden County initiative was started on behalf of the TCC Board of Trustees to help displaced workers obtain training for new job skills so that they would be better equipped to find new employment. The Board approved \$50,000 to fund the initiative. We have used our Quick Job Training model to provide the services Gadsden County residents require. Thus far, we have filled an English as a Second Language class to capacity (30), awarded 50 fee stipends to those seeking training, and have a Heavy Equipment Operators class with 40 enrollees. We will continue to recruit for another round of Quick Job Training classes to start in April.
2. The Department of Management Services (DMA) and TCC have entered into an agreement for TCC to provide introductory computer skill training for DMS employees. Training will begin within 30 days with employees in TCC's service area. Further training will be developed in the areas of employee professional development. TCC will work with DMS to develop mechanisms to package training for DMS employees in other areas of the state.

STAFF RESOURCE: [Staff Resource]

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
For information