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The Evergreen State College Request for Flexibility and Waivers from State Controls

The Evergreen State College understands the complex and challenging economic and fiscal environment that faces state policymakers. Evergreen believes that while this is a difficult time, it is also an opportunity. Below is a list of requests for greater flexibility or waivers from state controls. We believe that implementation of these requests will provide Evergreen with additional resources at no cost to State taxpayers and/or create efficiencies that would free-up existing resources for alternative uses. We encourage state policymakers to take these into account in the budget decision process for the 2009 legislative session.

Standardize and Streamline Accountability and Performance Reporting

The performance agreement between the State and The Evergreen State College developed in 2008 creates a mechanism for tracking performance and accountability measures. Because this process involves participation from the Governor's budget office, the State Legislature, and the Higher Education Coordinating Board, the College would request that existing performance measurements tracked separately by the HECB, other state imposed improvement processes, and another set of measures which is included in the biennial appropriations act be discontinued and that the performance agreement be the official repository for monitoring and tracking college accountability.

Capital Project Alternatives

The College faces challenges to finance capital projects in light of state capital budget funding constraints. Evergreen is requesting consideration of statutory changes that would reduce barriers and increase the efficiency in the capital construction process. This would include the authority to set the building fee component of tuition to be used solely to improve facilities; to participate in Job Order Contracting (JOC); to eliminate pre-designs for any project under \$5 million; to establish an on-call contractor list; to create competitive purchasing and contracting policies and procedures including the use of the general contractor/construction management procedure that allows capital projects to be combined for design, and construction; and to raise the limit for RFP's and for contracting quotes.

Purchasing and Contract Alternatives

The College seeks opportunities to increase the efficiency of our purchasing and contract authority. Evergreen is requesting consideration of statutory changes that would streamline how the College carries out purchases and contracts including the authority to purchase computer hardware and software for more than one year; participate in group purchasing organizations (GPO); to be exempt from the ROADMAP project; permit guest lecturers/speakers payment as a stipend and not as a client services contract; use the purchase card for payments between state agencies; and waive the requirement to purchase air travel through a state contract and allow individual employees to purchase tickets online and be reimbursed.