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## Appendix B

### LOUISIANA COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

August 16, 2007

Dr. Joe Savoie, Commissioner  
Louisiana Board of Regents  
P.O. Box 3677  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3677

Dear Dr. Savoie:

The Louisiana Community and Technical College System is embarking on several initiatives to provide the best possible response in meeting the needs of Louisiana students, communities and businesses. These initiatives will strengthen the system as a whole, as well as define the role of each college in carrying out the mission of the system. Funding of these initiatives will enhance accreditation and reaccreditation efforts, promote student accessibility, increase external funding and provide more strategic focus and direction for the system and its member institutions.

To further the goals mentioned above, we are requesting \$2,000,000 from the Higher Education Initiatives Fund, as provided in House Bill 1 for new and emerging campuses:

#### **\$1,000,000, Accreditation requirements and new program development needs distributed based upon student enrollment**

- SOWELA Technical Community College - \$477,115
- L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College - \$271,650
- Louisiana Delta Community College - \$251,235

#### **\$500,000, E-Learning Initiative for LCTCS Colleges**

- Coordination to further establish and mobilize "E-Learning" initiatives throughout the state through LCTCS colleges and their member campuses
- Purchase of equipment
- Assist in operating expenditures associated with the delivery of educational services.

The LCTCS is uniquely poised to offer these educational opportunities to the citizens of the state, stemming from campuses in most every parish of the state.

#### **\$300,000, System Planning and Advancement**

- Develop a state-wide strategic plan to provide resources and expertise to enhance the resource development capacity of each institution and/or campus
- Provide consulting and training opportunities to support the establishment, growth, and fund raising capacity of every college in the LCTCS



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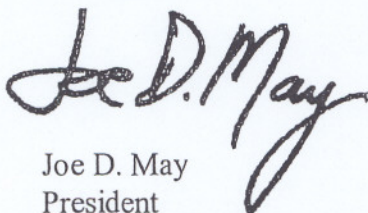
- Develop state-wide goals for raising private dollars to support the program and facility needs of the colleges
- Develop and deploy IT systems at the state level that can be utilized by the colleges to strengthen and support their fundraising efforts
- Create efficiencies by developing templates, materials, and other resources for use by the college foundations
- Provide guidance and support for capital and major gifts campaigns
- Facilitate a resource development roundtable that brings foundation directors together regularly to identify challenges and opportunities, share best practices, and collaborate on solutions.

### **\$200,000, Strategic Planning to Realign with Louisiana's Workforce and Training Needs**

- Programmatic needs to better meet the challenges of servicing a geographically diverse population and the changing needs of business and industry
- Planning for facility and infrastructure needs to accommodate programmatic offerings
- Strategic planning to fully restore and enhance the capacity and the condition of facilities for Katrina and Rita impacted institutions

In summary, strengthening accreditation efforts of the three colleges mentioned, promoting accessibility through e-learning, increasing private and external resources through system advancement and a systemwide strategic planning process will assist the LCTCS in providing the best possible response in meeting the needs of Louisiana students, communities and businesses. Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,



Joe D. May  
President