

# CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**Governing Board Agenda**

**Meeting Date:** August 25, 2009

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Item Title</u>	<u>Responsible Agents</u>
V.D.1	Arizona Small Business Development Center Network	Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Governing Board approve acceptance of a negotiated contract increase in the amount of \$201,090 (12.8%) from the U.S. Small Business Administration to the Maricopa Community Colleges for the Arizona Small Business Development Center Network for the period January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009. The increase amends the original amount of funding for 2009 from \$1,573,633 to \$1,774,723.

**Justification**

Maricopa Community Colleges acts as the “managing partner” in the Arizona Small Business Development Center Network. The other partners are Arizona’s ten community college districts. The Network provides business counseling, training, information resources and referral services to small business owners and prospective owners. The Network delivers these services through eleven Regional SBDC Centers, one of which is located in Maricopa Community Colleges, as well as through a number of satellite and “circuit rider” sites throughout the state.

The program’s focus is on stimulating economic development in the communities served by the Network by helping small businesses grow, survive, and remain competitive. During 2009, it is anticipated that the Network will offer one-on-one counseling and training to over 3,000 small business owners.

This increase is a continuation of the cooperative agreement reached between SBA and Maricopa Community Colleges at the beginning of 1993. The increase is allocated at \$50,591 to the Arizona Small Business Development Center Network Office, at \$40,000 to the Maricopa Community College Regional SBDC Center, and \$110,499 to the other SBDC Centers in the state. The amended amounts for 2009 are \$393,675, \$429,909, and \$951,139, respectively.

<b>Funding</b>	<b>Approvals/Certifications</b>
<p><u>Source:</u> <b>US Small Business Administration</b></p> <p><u>Account Identification:</u> <b>Current Restricted</b></p>	<p>Chancellor _____</p> <p>Academic &amp; Student Affairs _____</p> <p>Business Services _____</p> <p>Human Resources _____ ITS_ _____</p> <p>Res Dev &amp; Cmty Relations _____</p> <p>College President _____</p>