

CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

Governing Board Agenda

Meeting Date: June 23, 2009

<u>Item Number</u>	<u>Item Title</u>	<u>Responsible Agents</u>
	Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration to GateWay Community College for Design and Construction of a Bioscience Incubator	Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick Dr. Eugene Giovannini

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Governing Board of the Maricopa County Community College District accept an award of \$3,000,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration for the design and construction of a bioscience incubator and training facility at GateWay Community College.

Justification

GateWay Community College has received funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration to design and construct a bioscience incubator and training facility on its campus.

The incubator will consist of laboratory research space available for rent at an affordable rate by start-up bioscience companies. A unique model of life science education and training programs leading to higher-skill, higher-wage, technician-level jobs in bioscience professions will be created through a combination of academic courses, hands-on training opportunities for students, and business support services to meet the needs of start-up companies.

This project aligns with EDA’s mission to make strategic investment in the nations most economically distressed communities that encourage private sector collaboration and creation of higher-skill, higher wage jobs.

Funding	Approvals/Certifications
<p><u>Source:</u> U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration</p> <p><u>Account Identification:</u></p>	<p>Chancellor _____</p> <p>Academic & Student Affairs _____</p> <p>Business Services _____</p> <p>Human Resources _____ ITS_ _____</p> <p>Res Dev & Cmty Relations _____</p> <p>College President _____</p>