

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

December 14, 2022

TOPIC: Symbiosis Educational Consultants, Inc.

PRESENTED BY: Landon K. Pirius, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

Transform the Student Experience.

Design rigorous educational experiences that combine the delivery of practical knowledge with the development of student creativity.

Create Education Without Barriers Through Transformational Partnerships.

Devise technology-supported and hybrid educational delivery solutions that transcend time and place barriers, maintain high quality, and foster student success.

Redefine Our Value Proposition Through Accessibility, Affordability, Quality, Accountability, Resource Development, and Operational Excellence.

Increase external resource development capacity to allow investment in student scholarships, and in appropriate physical and technological resources that support high quality learning experiences.

EXPLANATION:

CCCOOnline did a Request for Proposal in 2019 for contracted course development services. One of the three contractors selected was Symbiosis Educational Consultants, Inc. Over the last three years, Symbiosis has become a valuable partner in redesigning courses using Open Educational Resources.

The contract with Symbiosis was signed February 6, 2020 with optional one-year renewal periods for up to three years. The current agreement expires on February 5, 2023. With the transition to Colorado Online@, there are approximately 75 courses that need to be redesigned using the system-wide Collaborative Learning Design process

for courses transitioning in the summer and fall 2023 terms. We are requesting that the agreement with Symbiosis be extended through September 30, 2023 to allow them to complete this project for summer and fall 2023 Colorado Online@ courses. CCCS will also be undergoing a RFP process for course development for future projects in the upcoming months.

Below are the historical and projected amounts with Symbiosis Educational Consultants, Inc. per fiscal year.

2019-20 --	\$44,964.00
2020-21 --	\$35,971.20
2021-22 --	\$76,981.60
2022-23 --	\$349,500.00
2023-24 --	\$408,000.00
Total --	\$915,416.80

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board approve amending the agreement with Symbiosis Educational Consultants, Inc. to extend it through September 30, 2023 with a do not exceed amount of \$916,000. Staff also recommends that the Board delegate contract signature authority to the System Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration provided all State and Board processes are followed.