

STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION

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TOPIC: Pikes Peak State College (PPSC) Breathing Apparatuses for Fire Science Program

PRESENTED BY: Dr. Lance Bolton, President

RELATIONSHIP TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN:

- Transform the student experience.
- Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.

EXPLANATION:

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (SCBA): With the development of the Pikes Peak Regional Fire Academy and new regional partners in Black Forest and Monument, interoperability of the air systems on our SCBAs is essential to the safety of our students and fire recruits. This purchase will bring the PPSC SCBAs up to the current National Fire Protection Association Standard. Additionally, these packs are lighter and more aerodynamic, making the equipment more accessible to our non-traditional gender population (an emphasis for Perkins funding). The purchase of fifty (50) sets of SCBAs (40 in FY 25, 10 in FY 26) is being recommended using Federal Carl D. Perkins Grant funding with an aggregate total over two years of approximately \$606,000.

Student fees and auxiliary funding will help support the care and maintenance of the SCBAs in subsequent years.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval for the College to enter the purchase with a “do not exceed” amount of \$606,000 for 50 SCBA sets. Staff also recommends that the Board delegate to the System Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration the authority to sign the contract amendments on the condition that all Board and State processes are followed.