

## **Sacramento Public Library Authority**

Agenda Item 10.0: Contract Approval Career Online
High School, Cengage Learning

TO: Sacramento Public Library Authority Board

FROM: Rivkah K. Sass, Library Director

RE: Contract Approval: Career Online High School, Cengage Learning Inc.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):**

**Authorize** the Library Director to sign an agreement with Cengage Learning Inc. for hosting and subscription services related to Career Online High School in an amount not to exceed \$82,650.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Library takes advantage of opportunities that allow staff to provide innovative services to improve the public's access to services and ultimately improve the quality of life in Sacramento. To that end, staff sought funding from the California State Library to launch a pilot project for an online accredited high school that enables qualified people to complete the requirements for a high school diploma.

The California State Library provided a planning grant in the amount of \$12,470. The planning grant allows staff to complete the tasks necessary to launch the service when the final grant is received.

The State Library determined that rather than award an implementation grant to Sacramento Public Library, CALIFA, a non-profit organization that provides various services to California libraries, will receive funds to cover the cost of issuing up to 50 diplomas.

Conversations with the State Library have indicated that there are some delays in awarding the funds, with the expectation that funds will be received in late June. However, in order to take advantage of an additional award of funding for 25 diplomas, by the Clinton Global Initiative, valued at \$30,000, Sacramento Public Library has been asked to sign a contract no later than May 31, 2014.

In order to maintain the timeline for implementation and to take advantage of the additional funding for diplomas offered by the Clinton Global Initiative, Library staff are requesting the Board authorize the Library Director to sign the agreement with Cengage Learning Inc. for hosting and subscription services with the expectation that the grant will be awarded in June 2014.

In the unlikely event that the grant is not awarded, staff have budgeted the funds for this pilot project in the FY 2014-15 budget that will be approved at this meeting.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The agreement is for \$82,650 and includes scholarships for fifty (50) diplomas, online resources provided to the students, including assessment tools and support by tutors for a period of fifteen (15) months. Cengage Learning Inc. will help the Library obtain funding for an additional 25 diplomas from the Clinton Global Initiative at no cost to the Library.

## **ATTACHMENT(S)**:

Resolution 14-16, authorizing the Library Director to sign an agreement with Cengage Learning Inc. in the amount of \$82,650 for hosting and subscription services related to the Career Online High School, to include scholarships for 50 diplomas and related online services.



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#### **RESOLUTION NO. 14-16**

Adopted by the Governing Board of the Sacramento Public Library Authority on the date of:

## May 22, 2014

AUTHORIZING THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CENGAGE LEARNING INC. FOR HOSTING AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES RELATED TO CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$82,650

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Authorize the Library Director to enter into an agreement with Cengage Learning Inc. for hosting and subscription services related to the Career Online High School, to include scholarships for 50 diplomas and related online services, in the amount of \$82,650, for a term of fifteen (15) months.
- 2. The Library Director is authorized to sign all documents related to the agreement within the approved terms and consistent with the requirements of the Authority's Contracts and Procurement Policy.

	Angelique Ashby, Chair Jeff Slowey, Vice-Chair
ATTEST:	
Rivkah K. Sass, Secretary	
By: Linda J. Beymer, Assistant Secretary	<u> </u>
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**ATTACHMENT(S)**:

None