

Exhibit 23

Information/Action Item

Presentation by the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership

The Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP) is a non-profit organization in which education, business and government leaders have partnered to promote a year-round, diversified economy. As a component of its workforce/jobs initiative, CVEP developed and administers Pathways to Success, a regional program focusing on FAFSA completion. CVEP representatives also work with the Cash For College Program to further FAFSA completion.

This program is being brought to the Commission's attention as an example of the fine work in communities in California to promote FAFSA completion and, perhaps, as a model for others to follow.

Information about Pathways to Success is accessible through this link:

<http://cvpts.com/Default.htm>.

Ernie Rios, Executive Director of Scholarships, and other representatives of CVEP will present additional information at the Commission meeting.

The College Access Foundation of California made a multi-year commitment in 2009 to Pathways to Success, and issued a report on the program. Additional information and the College Access Foundation report, *Delivering California's Promise: Increasing College Access and Completion*, are accessible through this link:

http://www.collegeaccessfoundation.org/grants/Pathways_to_Success.aspx