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### Action/Information Item

#### *Outreach Committee*

#### Discussion on Outreach Grant for UC's Transcript Evaluation Service

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During the Commission and EDFUND's workshop on July 27, 2005, Commission staff recommended that a decision on funding for the Transcript Evaluation Service for another year be held until the program expenditures could be further evaluated. The Commission and EDFUND had not received invoices for a significant amount of the funding set aside for the program. Since that time, the Commission has received several invoices for work done prior to the expiration of the contract that ended on June 30, 2005.

**Recommended Action:** Consider approving funding the Transcript Evaluation Service project for another year and take appropriate action.

**Responsible Staff:** Steve Caldwell, Manager,  
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## TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION SERVICE: CONTINUED FUNDING

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As indicated in the Tab cover sheet, during the Commission/EDFUND workshop on July 27, 2005, Commission staff recommended that a decision on funding for the Transcript Evaluation Service (TES) for another year be held until the program expenditures could be further evaluated. Staff had not yet received invoices for a significant amount of the funding set aside for the program. Staff had received approximately \$80,000 in invoices for work completed prior to June 30, 2005.

### Background:

Staff recommended that a no-cost extension be granted for the TES contract. It did not appear that the project would expend the funds allotted to the project by the end of the contract year. TES staff assured Commission staff that invoices for the full funding amount would be forthcoming and that they were ready to proceed with the next year's funding.

As of August 23, 2005, staff has received invoices for work dated prior to the expiration of the contract on June 30, 2005 in the amount of \$780,000. The total contract amount for the contract ending June 30, 2005 was \$920,000 which means that the project is still eligible to receive reimbursement for invoices dated prior to June 30, 2005 for up to \$140,000.

Staff received a self-evaluation and funding request from the TES project on July 19, 2005. The self-evaluations were due to Commission/EDFUND staff on June 30, 2005. The funding request was for 2 years worth of funding in the amount of \$2.1 million (and was not separated by each year). Staff informed the TES project coordinator that the funding request would need to be for one year, not two. The adjusted funding request has been received by Commission staff in the amount of approximately \$1,010,000. Staff is evaluating the requested funds and will present its findings at the Commission meeting or as soon as information is received and evaluated.

### Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that a decision on future Commission/EdFund grant funding for the Transcript Evaluation Service project be held considered based upon the expenditures to date and until staff has sufficient time to evaluate the TES funding proposal and invoices for work done prior to June 30, 2005.