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EXHIBIT: #V.C.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan Gendron, Commissioner*

DATE: January 13, 2010

SUBJECT: Approval of the Proposed Review Team Members to Assess the Request from the Great Bay Community College, located in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, for Authorization to Offer its Associate of Science in General Studies on Site in Maine at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Background: 20-A MRSA, Chapter 409 provides that the State Board of Education may approve an application from a postsecondary educational institution located outside the State of Maine to offer within the state courses or programs for academic credit. Officials from Great Bay Community College (GBCC), located in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, have made application to offer, in the State of Maine, the Associate of Science in General Studies. Specifically, GBCC seeks to coursework leading to the Associate of Science in General Studies within facilities located on the premises of the Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard (PNSY) in Kittery.

GBCC is duly incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and is one of seven colleges that comprise the Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH). Formerly known as the New Hampshire Community Technical College – Stratham, GBCC is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

GBCC has been collaborating with York County Community College (YCCC) and the PNSY to deliver non-credit courses on-site for the PNSY apprenticeship program. This program is expanding to include credit courses leading to an Associate Degree for PNSY employees. To this end, YCCC and GBCC continue to work collaboratively with the PNSY to each offer its respective degree and to select courses to be offered on-site at the PNSY that will meet the degree requirements of both College's degree programs. The PNSY students will have the opportunity to matriculate into either GBCC's degree program or YCCC's degree program.

The GBCC application will be reviewed in accordance with rules established by the State Board and evaluated through the use of standards adopted by the Board. Potential review team members have been selected for the State Board's consideration.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education accept the list of proposed team members to review the Great Bay Community College application to offer the Associate of Science in General Studies degree in the State of Maine.

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