Appendix 5

BOE Agenda Item Executive Summary
Date: December 11, 2023

Topic: Grant Writing Services

Background Information (History, Rationale, etc):

WPS utilized Assel Grant Services to partner with WSU Tech, WSU, Integra, Wesley and Ascension to submit the federal Perkins Innovation and Modernization Grant. WPS did not have the capacity to write this grant unassisted in the short turn around time that was required. Originally this grant was to be submitted by WSUT, however once writing began, WPS had to shift to the lead fiscal agent due to the fact that we needed to partner with both WSU and WSUT.

This grant has the potential to have a profound impact on our Graduation+ initiative by increasing the numbers of underrepresented and low-income students accessing industry ready credentials and dual and concurrent credit programs that would lead to an associate/bachelor/advanced degree/registered apprenticeship.