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March 7, 2008

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~~And Interested Parties. (See Enclosed Meeting List)~~

Re: **Request for Additional Information**  
*Cal Grants*; 02-TC-28  
Long Beach Community College District, Claimant  
Statutes 2000, Chapter 403, et al.

Dear Ms. Fuentes-Michel and Mr. Petersen:

The California Student Aid Commission provided an initial response to the *Cal Grants* test claim filing in 2003; however, at this time we seek additional information in several areas:

- The October 14, 2003 letter describes an Institutional Participation Agreement, or IPA, for colleges to receive student aid funding through the Cal Grants program. Do all California community colleges have a signed IPA with the Student Aid Commission; or, have any California community colleges ever declined to participate? Is an IPA a form document, or is it a contract tailored to individual institutions? Please provide copies of sample IPA(s) for the test claim reimbursement period (beginning July 1, 2001).
- Other than the 2003-2004 budget augmentation described in the 2003 letter, are any other administrative funds provided to community colleges as a result of signing an IPA and participating in the Cal Grants program? If so, please list statutes and budget acts.
- Statutes 2000, chapter 403 added Education Code section 69514.5, establishing the "Community College Student Financial Aid Outreach Program." The test claim, at page 40, asserts that the claimant is required to train "community college counselors and advisors who work with students planning to attend or who are attending a community college and planning to transfer to a four-year college" and to conduct "student and family workshops that provide general information about financial aid and technical assistance in completing financial aid forms." Please provide additional information on the "Community College Student Financial Aid Outreach Program" and the participation of the community college districts. Has this program been implemented as the "California Cash for College" program, or is this a different program?

The Commission requests a written response by **Friday, March 21, 2008**. Written responses shall include a "declaration that it is true and complete to the best of the representative's personal knowledge or information or belief," and shall be signed under penalty of perjury. (Cal. Code Regs, tit. 2, § 1183.02, subd. (d).)

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**Hearing and Staff Analysis.** The hearing on this test claim is tentatively set for **Thursday, May 29, 2008**. At least eight weeks before the hearing date, the draft staff analysis will be issued to parties, interested parties, and interested persons and a three-week period for comments will be given, pursuant to section 1183.07 of the Commission's regulations. Before the hearing, a final staff analysis will be issued.

**Mailing Lists.** Under section 1181.2 of the Commission's regulations, the Commission will promulgate a mailing list of parties, interested parties, and interested persons for each test claim. Any written material filed with the Commission on a claim shall be simultaneously served on the other parties listed on the mailing list provided by the Commission.

Please contact Katherine Tokarski at (916) 445-9429 if you have any questions on this matter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Higashi".

PAULA HIGASHI  
Executive Director

Enclosures: Updated Mailing List

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Claim Number: 02-TC-28  
Issue: Cal Grants

Mailing Information: Other

## Mailing List

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