

ACTION ITEM MEMO

Port of Tacoma Commission



Item No: 6D
Meeting Date: 6/18/24

DATE: June 5, 2024
TO: Port of Tacoma Commission
FROM: Eric Johnson, Executive Director
Sponsor: Sean Eagan, Director, Government Affairs
Project Manager: Leslie Barstow, Community Relations Manager
SUBJECT: ILA: Tacoma Public Schools – Summer Certification Programs

A. ACTION REQUESTED

Request authorization for the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute a three-year Interlocal Agreement with Tacoma Public Schools to support the Tacoma Public Schools' Summer Certification programs, for an authorized amount of \$30,000 annually, for a total authorized amount of \$90,000.

Strategic Plan Initiative: EV-4

B. BACKGROUND

In 2021, the Port of Tacoma Commission adopted a five-year Strategic Plan that calls on the Port to partner with regional organizations to facilitate career development and business growth in Pierce County.

In February 2022, the Port of Tacoma Commission adopted Resolution 2022-03-PT, in which it found that workforce development is critical to achieving the Port's primary mission to serve as an economic development agency generating quality family-wage jobs, economic growth for the region, and increasing operational efficiency and economic mobility.

In August 2022 the Port of Tacoma Commission adopted a Workforce Development Strategic Plan, which included a strategy to invest in Tacoma Public Schools' recognized Credential Summer Programs. The purpose of these programs is to provide high school youth with training leading to certifications that will facilitate employment at the completion of the summer program.

C. SCOPE OF WORK: The scope of the Port's investment shall be \$30,000 each summer, 2024 through 2026.

D. TIMEFRAME: 2024 to 2026

E. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Source of Funds: The 2024 Government Affairs Operating Budget included \$30,000 for Consulting Services. This same line item will also be included in the 2025 and 2026 budgets.

Total Cost: \$90,000

F. ECONOMIC INVESTMENT / JOB CREATION

These investments are part of Port of Tacoma’s Workforce Development Strategic Plan. Participants will earn employable skills in areas such as Merchant Mariner and Warehouse & Logistics.

G. NEXT STEPS

Request authorization for the Executive Director, or his designee, to execute a three-year Interlocal Agreement with Tacoma Public Schools to support their Summer Certification programs, for an authorized amount of \$30,000 annually, for a total authorized amount of \$90,000.