

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Douglas Treadway

DATE: November 10, 2004

SUBJECT: Approval of BETA Grant Award from the California Community College Chancellor's Office Economic & Workforce Development Unit

Ohlone College has been awarded the following grant from the California Community College Chancellor's Office Economic & Workforce Development Unit through Industry Driven Regional Collaborative funds: Biotechnology Education and Training Alliance (BETA).

Partnering with industry and economic development stakeholders, the BETA project will develop and deliver a state-of-the-art biotechnology industry training program offering flexible, short-term, intensive training services. BETA meets workforce development needs for well-trained entry-level technicians as well as for incumbent and transitional workers by upgrading their technical skills through continuing education and professional development. The project will deliver services to a minimum of 35 employers and 350 participants throughout the two fiscal years (04/05 and 05/06) of operation. The direct partners for the project are Ohlone College Entrepreneurial Programs, BioLink, Economic Development Alliance for Business, DiscoverRX, City of Fremont Economic Development Office, and EastBay Works. The budget is \$257,213 for the first fiscal year and \$299,192 for the second fiscal year. The project administrator is Ron Quinta, Executive Dean of Math & Science.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The President/Superintendent recommends the BETA Project Grant award be accepted as presented.