

**ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL
PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM**

DATE: September 21, 2006

SUBJECT: Contract Approval for Strategic Planning Facilitation

CATEGORY: Operations

INITIATED BY: Aldo Jackson

DESCRIPTION: As a Phase II school, the technical school is required by PDE to conduct strategic planning every six years. The success of our strategic planning efforts lies in the purposeful input from our stakeholders. Because we have so many varied stakeholders—students, parents, faculty and staff, school officials and business and industry—our planning efforts are best served by an agency with expertise in strategic plan facilitation.

We requested proposal from four companies, three of which responded. Based on initial proposals, we interviewed two companies, both of which happened to be local companies. After the proposal reviews and interviews, the administration is recommending a contract with Strategy Solutions, Inc. Please see the September 2006 Director's Report for additional information. Strategy Solutions' proposal is available for review in the supplemental section of the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION: Motion to approve a contract with Strategy Solutions, Inc. for strategic planning facilitation in the amount of \$14,200.