

## COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Friday, November 9, 2012

### DECISION ITEM C:

### Administrative Item on Which Staff Proposes Expedited Action

#### Staff Recommendation

That the Commission for Higher Education approve by consent the following administrative action, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item:

- Authorize staff to renew a license agreement with the National Center for College Costs for the ongoing implementation of the Indiana College Costs Estimator.

#### Background

In June 2010, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education approved an initial two-year license agreement with the National Center for College Costs for the deployment of the Indiana College Costs Estimator website ([www.indianacollegecosts.org](http://www.indianacollegecosts.org)) and ongoing implementation support services. The Indiana College Costs Estimator is designed to make federal, state and institutional financial aid transparent on a statewide basis.

Launched publicly in January 2011 as part of Learn More Indiana's annual "Cash for College" campaign, the Indiana College Costs Estimator offers Hoosier students and families a "one stop shop" for calculating and comparing the net cost of college at each of Indiana's public and private colleges. Key features include Expected Family Contribution (EFC) estimates customized by individual/campus, side-by-side cost comparisons of Indiana colleges, "Ask the Expert" sessions, and more.

Under the proposed service agreement with the National Center for College Costs, the Commission for Higher Education would dedicate \$117,000 of College Access Challenge Grant funding from the U.S. Department of Education for a one-year license renewal offering unlimited statewide use of the Indiana College Costs Estimator tool and related training/support services.