October 29, 2026

TO: THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VALENCIA COLLEGE

FROM: DR. KATHLEEN PLINSKE, PRESIDENT

RE: REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) 2025-11, ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, NURSING SIMULATION LAB – INCREASE IN AUTHORIZATION

On May 22, 2025, the District Board of Trustees approved the evaluation committee's ranking under Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2025-11, Architectural Services, Nursing Simulation Lab, and authorized the commencement of negotiations with the top-ranked firm, HuntonBrady Architects (HuntonBrady), in accordance with Section 287.055, Florida Statutes. The solicitation sought a qualified architectural firm to provide design services for a new high-fidelity nursing simulation lab in the Health Sciences Building (HSB) at the West Campus. The project was originally envisioned as the renovation of approximately 16,000 square feet to include a ten-bed simulation classroom, a lecture classroom, ICU simulation rooms, control rooms, immersive learning rooms, and administrative spaces. On June 19, 2025, the District Board of Trustees authorized the College to enter into a mutually agreeable contract with HuntonBrady for architectural services, with design fees not to exceed $940,061.

Subsequently, additional funds have become available for expenditure on this project, due to the generosity of philanthropic partners and the potential for matching funds provided by the Florida Department of Education pursuant to recently enacted legislation. Given the availability of such additional funding, the scope of the project has been enhanced to better support student learning and future program expansion. The proposed new scope increases the renovation area from approximately 16,000 square feet to 34,500 square feet (more than doubling the original project size) and adds 6 high-fidelity simulation lab stations, 10 mid-fidelity simulation lab stations, 2 immersive CAVE suites, an anatomage lab with a capacity of 72 seats, and a classroom and testing lab with a capacity of 72 seats. This expansion has resulted in additional architectural and engineering design requirements and costs beyond those originally contemplated and approved, including the increased square footage and other additional services to be performed by Hunton Brady.

Accordingly, the College requests approval to amend its contract with HuntonBrady to perform the Services, provided that the negotiated fees do not exceed $1,891,589, representing an increase of $951,528 to the previously approved authorization, inclusive of a recommended ten percent (10%) contingency. Once negotiated, the new fee will include the increased square footage and additional services including medical equipment design, installation coordination, and simulation support in the new high-fidelity nursing simulation lab in the Health Sciences Building (HSB) at the West Campus.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The President recommends that the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College authorize an increase of $951,528 to the previously approved agreement with HuntonBrady Architects for architectural services associated with the Nursing Simulation Lab project at the West Campus, for a revised total design fee not to exceed $1,891,589.

Kathleen Plinske

President