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BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION PROVISOS

TRIO Eligible Student Support:

Funds allocated by the state through the operating budget of Eastern Washington University have enabled Eastern to expand support for TRIO eligible students. This funding which Eastern, Central Washington University and Washington State University are calling WaTEP (Washington TRIO Expansion Program) is being used to expand the highly effective educational best-practices in place in the Student Success Strategies project. The funding supports Eastern's mission by providing a student-centered learning environment to prepare broadly educated, technologically proficient, and productive citizens.

WaTEP program objectives include:

- At least 250 eligible participants were selected for the program as required by the state legislation. Eligibility is based on a status of low-income, first generation, or having a registered disability as defined by the Higher Education Act.
- 85% (212) of the participants will be retained as required by the state legislation. Retention is defined here as persistence measured by continuing enrollment or graduation of participants from one academic year to the next.
- 250 participants will receive a minimum of 5-10 contact hours per academic year through the activities identified.
- A tracking system will be used to distinguish the state funded students and the services they receive from the SSS students and the services they receive.

In FY2008, Eastern exceeded all program objectives. As of June 30, 2008, the total number of Eastern WaTEP students who received five or more hours of service was 251. Two hundred and thirty-six students were in good standing at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, which is 94% of total WaTEP participants. The average overall GPA for WaTEP participants at the end of Spring quarter was 3.077. Participants received 3,294.25 total hours of service, which averages out to 13.12 contact hours per participant. As of July 31, 2008, 198 WaTEP participants are registered Fall 2008, 5 students transferred to other institutions of higher education, and 20 participants graduated, which gives WaTEP a retention rate of 88.8%.

The Eastern WaTEP program has provided assistance to participants through staff tutoring; peer and staff facilitated collaborative study groups; professional mentoring; disability support services; the Financial Management and Scholarship Writing Seminar; major, career, and grad school counseling; leadership/tutor training; computer and printing lab access; and laptop checkout.

Funding: \$250,000 in FY08 and \$250,000 in FY09