

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**FROM:** Supervisor John Tavaglione

**SUBMITTAL DATE:** April 17, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Authorization for the Economic Development Agency to enter into a partnership agreement with the National Center for Excellence in Supply Chain Technology Education.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors direct:

1. The County Trade Commissioner – EDA Office of Foreign Trade to craft a partnership agreement/memorandum of understanding with the National Center for Excellence in Supply Chain Technology Center, Norco College, Norco, CA;
2. The Assistant County Executive Officer – EDA or the Managing Director of EDA execute the partnership agreement;
3. The County Office of Foreign Trade – EDA provide staff support and other, non-monetary support necessary to assist the National Center for Excellence in Supply Chain Technology Education for a period of 48 months from the date the agreement is executed.

**BACKGROUND:** The National Center for Excellence in Supply Chain Technology is headquartered at Norco College, Norco, California. The goal of the center is to produce 14,000 highly trained and educated supply chain technicians over the next four years.

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John Tavaglione  
Chairman, Second District

**BACKGROUND CONTINUED:**

The center is fully funded through a grant of \$3.5 million from the National Science Foundation. This effort has created new opportunities for students studying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Our objective is to assist the center in their efforts to provide highly trained and skilled workers to our county, region, and state in order to reduce unemployment and provide training for higher wage jobs. Many of these new jobs are being created as a result of the import and export activities of the thousands of manufacturing and logistics businesses in Riverside County. Once fully operational the center will have the ability to meet employer demands for skilled and trained workers in the field of Supply Chain Technology. EDA-OFT staff support and participation was specifically requested by Norco College. Our current list of corporate partners includes: Converse, Nike, Dole, Fed Ex, Kroger, UPS, Toyota, Payless, New Balance, and Amazon. There are four collegiate partners in this program from other parts of the country. They are: Tacoma Community College, Tacoma, Washington; Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio; Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, Illinois; and Jefferson Community and Technical College, Louisville, Kentucky. A National Visiting Committee is also already in place and consists of Cardinal Health Care, Ohio Department of Education, League of Innovation, Michigan State University, the U.S. Department of Defense, and the U.S. Department of Labor.