MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, is entered into this 24th day of July, 2004, by and between the State of Illinois, acting through the Illinois Community College Board and hereinafter called the "State" and SER – Jobs for Progress, Inc. and hereinafter called the "SER – Jobs for Progress, Inc." WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the State has the duty to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, part of the Illinois Community College Board's mission is to administer the Public Community College Act in a manner that maximizes the ability of the community colleges to serve their communities and to promote cooperation within the system and accommodate those state of Illinois initiatives that are appropriate for community colleges; and

WHEREAS, SER – Jobs for Progress is a not-for-profit Hispanic community-based organization in Lake County that is committed to improving the quality of life for all persons seeking social, economic and personal development through education, advocacy and other developmental opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the parties shall enter into a grant or award agreement, to be effective for fiscal year 2005 and subject to compliance with all applicable State law and necessary certifications, on the basis of the following terms, among others:

The State will agree:

1. To provide $77,000 in State funding to SER – Jobs for Progress, Inc. to increase and enhance SER – Jobs for Progress’ current English as a Second Language program;

SER – Jobs for Progress, Inc. will agree:

2. To meet all duties and obligations imposed by state law respecting nonfederal-aid projects;

3. To promptly pay all contractors engaged on projects undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding;

4. To assume the responsibility for its English as a Second Language program; and

The parties will mutually agree:

5. That, with respect to the State funding, project initiation will be the responsibility of the SER – Jobs for Progress, Inc. and is to be coordinated with the State.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the State and SER – Jobs for Progress, Inc. have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed by their authorized representatives on the 24th Day of July, 2004.

FOR SER – JOBS FOR PROGRESS, INC.:  

[Signature]

Katherine Harris  
Executive Director

FOR THE STATE:  

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Geoffrey Ducaz  
President/CEO  
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