

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TWO GRANTS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR
TUITION-FREE COLLEGE LEVEL EDUCATION FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) has continuing interest in supporting child care in the region; and

WHEREAS, COG has worked to improve the quality of child care in the Washington, DC metropolitan region; and

WHEREAS, COG founded the Higher Education Scholarship Program in 1995 to provide opportunities for tuition-free college level education and training for child care providers who wish to obtain an advanced degree in early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, the D.C. Office of Early Childhood Education is providing COG with \$30,000 to provide opportunities for tuition-free college level education and training for child care providers; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education has issued a call for grant applications to support early childhood educator professional development.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to accept a grant from District of Columbia and to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Education to support the Higher Education Scholarship Program that will provide opportunities for college level degrees to early childhood educators. Grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 will be accepted from the District of Columbia. Additional grant funds not to exceed \$436,000 over three years will be requested from the U.S. Department of Education. Matching funds are required for this grant application. Matching funds include an amount not to exceed \$60,900 in COG child care program funds previously approved in the FY 2007 COG budget, and D.C. OECD grants and scholarship matching funds provided by HESP partner Universities and Colleges.

