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## PROPOSAL FOR ALLOCATING MAP

PRESENTED TO THE MONETARY AWARD PROGRAM (MAP) ELIGIBILITY TASK FORCE

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For most of its 50 year history, MAP has been designed to increase both college access and college choices for students from lower and middle income families. Recently economic conditions have changed dramatically, resulting in only one out of every two eligible students receiving a grant. MAP's funding shortfall has now been coupled with a new concern—the lack of a sufficiently educated workforce designed to fill 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs. The need for a more educated workforce has led to a new state goal: 60% of the Illinois workforce will have a significant postsecondary credential by 2025. In order to have a more educated workforce in the State of Illinois, students need to attend postsecondary institutions that have a proven record in not only graduating students, but graduating students from lower and middle income families.

Robert Morris University Illinois is proposing that all institutions that participate in the MAP program be evaluated in three areas critical to achieving the state's mandate for an educated workforce. Students would receive MAP funding based on the Institution's results and their own eligibility for the MAP grant using the current MAP formula.

Participating Institutions would be evaluated on the following areas:

- Graduation Rates – Two most recent years published in IPEDS.
- Default Rates—Last two, 2-year cohort rates published by the Dept of Education
- % of enrolled students who are Pell recipients—Two most recent years published in IPEDS

ISAC would create a point system for each of the three components. ISAC would then rank the Institutions based on total points. It is suggested that Institutions be divided into three groups based on total points and that student MAP awards would be adjusted based on the institution's rank.

This MAP Allocation Proposal is consistent with IBHE's agenda for the state, is data driven, and compares postsecondary institutions using three success indicators.

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