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CAREER EDUCATION CORP  
Form SC 13D/A  
May 18, 2015

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D  
(Amendment No. 23)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION

-----  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

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(Title of Class of Securities)

141665109

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(CUSIP Number)

Deborah L. Perkovich  
Blum Capital Partners, L.P.  
909 Montgomery Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94133  
(415) 434-1111

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

May 14, 2015

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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Section 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box [ ].

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON BLUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) 94-3205364  
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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [x]  
(b) [x]  
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3. SEC USE ONLY  
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4. SOURCE OF FUNDS\* See Item 3  
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5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED  
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]  
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6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION California  
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7. SOLE VOTING POWER -0-  
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NUMBER OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY EACH  
PERSON WITH  
8. SHARED VOTING POWER 3,324,374\*\*  
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9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-  
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10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 3,324,374\*\*  
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11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 3,324,374\*\*  
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12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES  
CERTAIN SHARES [ ]  
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13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 4.9%\*\*  
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14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN, IA  
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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON RICHARD C. BLUM & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) 94-2967812  
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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [x]  
(b) [x]  
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3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS\* See Item 3

5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION California

7. SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON WITH 8. SHARED VOTING POWER 3,324,374\*\* 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 3,324,374\*\*

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 3,324,374\*\*

12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES [ ]

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 4.9%\*\*

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON CO

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.L.C.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) 04-3809436

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [x] (b) [x]

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4. SOURCE OF FUNDS\* See Item 3

5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED

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PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware

7. SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON WITH 8. SHARED VOTING POWER -0-\*\*

9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-\*\*

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON -0-\*\*

12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES [ ]

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 0%\*\*

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON OO (Limited Liability Company)

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.P.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) 02-0742606

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [x] (b) [x]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS\* See Item 3

5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware

7. SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

NUMBER OF

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|   |                              |       |
|---|------------------------------|-------|
| SHARES  | 8. SHARED VOTING POWER       | -0-** |
| BENEFICIALLY  |                              |       |
| OWNED BY EACH   | -----                        | ----- |
| PERSON WITH   | 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER    | -0-   |
|   | -----                        | ----- |
|   | 10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | -0-** |
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| 11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON          |                              | -0-** |
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| 12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES |                              | [ ]   |
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| 13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)                    |                              | 0%**  |
|   | -----                        | ----- |
| 14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON  |                              | PN    |

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| 1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  | BLUM STRATEGIC PARTNERS III, L.P. |                    |
| I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY)                                  |                                   | 04-3809438         |
|  | -----                             | -----              |
| 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*                                       |                                   | (a) [x]<br>(b) [x] |
|  | -----                             | -----              |
| 3. SEC USE ONLY  |                                   |                    |
|  | -----                             | -----              |
| 4. SOURCE OF FUNDS*  |                                   | See Item 3         |
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| 5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) |                                   | [ ]                |
|  | -----                             | -----              |
| 6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  |                                   | Delaware           |
|  | -----                             | -----              |
|  | 7. SOLE VOTING POWER              | -0-                |
|  | -----                             | -----              |
| NUMBER OF  |                                   |                    |
| SHARES   | 8. SHARED VOTING POWER            | -0-**              |
| BENEFICIALLY   |                                   |                    |
| OWNED BY EACH  | -----                             | -----              |
| PERSON WITH  | 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER         | -0-                |
|  | -----                             | -----              |
|  | 10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER      | -0-**              |

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 11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON -0-\*\*

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 13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 0%\*\*

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 14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN

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 1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON BLUM STRATEGIC GP IV, L.L.C.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) 26-0588693

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 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [x]  
 (b) [x]

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 3. SEC USE ONLY

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 4. SOURCE OF FUNDS\* See Item 3

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 5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]

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 6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware

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 7. SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

NUMBER OF  
 SHARES  
 BENEFICIALLY  
 OWNED BY EACH  
 PERSON WITH

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 8. SHARED VOTING POWER 3,324,374\*\*

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 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-

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14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON 00 (Limited Liability Company)  
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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON BLUM STRATEGIC GP IV, L.P.

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) 26-0588732  
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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [x]  
(b) [x]  
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3. SEC USE ONLY

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4. SOURCE OF FUNDS\* See Item 3  
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5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED  
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]  
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6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware  
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7. SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

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NUMBER OF  
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BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY EACH  
PERSON WITH  
8. SHARED VOTING POWER 3,324,374\*\*  
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14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN  
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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON BLUM STRATEGIC PARTNERS IV, L.P.  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON (ENTITIES ONLY) 26-0588744

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [x]  
(b) [x]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS\* See Item 3

5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED  
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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON WITH  
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Item 1. Security and Issuer



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This Amendment No. 23 amends the Statement on Schedule 13D (the "Schedule 13D") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 23, 2015 by Blum Capital Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership, ("Blum LP"); Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc., a California corporation ("RCBA Inc."); Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Blum GP III"); Blum Strategic GP III, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Blum GP III LP"); Blum Strategic Partners III, L.P., a Delaware limited Partnership ("Blum Strategic III"); Blum Strategic GP IV, L.L.C., a Delaware Limited liability company ("Blum GP IV"); and Blum Strategic GP IV, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Blum GP IV LP"); Blum Strategic Partners IV, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Blum Strategic IV") (collectively, the "Reporting Persons").

This amendment to the Schedule 13D relates to shares of common stock, \$.01 par value per share (the "Common Stock") of Career Education Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"). The principal executive office and mailing address of the Issuer is 231 N. Martingale Road, Schaumburg, Illinois 60173.

The following amendments to the Schedule 13D are hereby made. Unless Otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Schedule 13D as previously amended.

Item 2. Identity and Background  
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There have been no changes to Item 2 since the Schedule 13D Amendment filed on April 23, 2015.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Considerations  
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There have been no changes to Item 3 since the Schedule 13D Amendment filed on December 19, 2007.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction  
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There have been no changes to Item 4 since the Schedule 13D Amendment filed on February 28, 2012.

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Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer  
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(a), (b) According to the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 6, 2015, there were 67,883,682 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of April 30, 2015. Based on such

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information, after taking into account the transactions described in Item 5(c) below, the Reporting Persons report beneficial ownership of the following shares of Common Stock: (i) 17,779 shares of Common Stock held directly by RCBA Inc., which represents 0.0% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; (ii) 0 shares of the Common Stock held by Blum GP III which serves as general partner of Blum GP III LP which, in turn, serves as the general partner of Blum Strategic III, which represents 0.0% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; and (v) 3,306,595 shares of the Common Stock held by Blum GP IV which serves as general partner of Blum GP IV LP which, in turn, serves as the general partner of Blum Strategic IV, which represents 4.9% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock.

Voting and investment power concerning the above shares are held solely by Blum LP, Blum GP III and Blum GP IV. The Reporting Persons therefore may be deemed to be members in a group, in which case the group would be deemed to have beneficial ownership of an aggregate of 3,324,374 shares of the Common Stock, which is 4.9% of the outstanding Common Stock. As the sole general partner of Blum LP, RCBA Inc. is deemed the beneficial owner of the securities over which Blum LP has voting and investment power. The filing of this Schedule shall not be construed as an admission that any of the shareholders, directors or executive officers of RCBA Inc. or the managing members and members of Blum GP III, Blum GP III LP, Blum GP IV and Blum GP IV LP, is, for any purpose, the beneficial owner of any of the securities that are beneficially owned by RCBA Inc., Blum GP III LP, Blum GP III, Blum GP IV LP and Blum GP IV.

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(c) The Reporting Persons have sold the following shares in the Common Stock of the Issuer since the last 13D Amendment filed on April 23, 2015:

| Entity   | Trade Date | Shares | Price/Share |
|--|------------|--------|-------------|
| -----  | -----      | -----  | -----       |
| For Blum Strategic III for which Blum GP III LP serves as the general partner and for Blum GP III which serves as the general partner for Blum GP III LP | 04-24-2015 | 45,000 | 4.6777      |
|  | 04-27-2015 | 45,000 | 4.3816      |
|  | 04-28-2015 | 55,000 | 4.2648      |
|  | 04-29-2015 | 45,000 | 4.2129      |
|  | 04-30-2015 | 50,000 | 4.2057      |
|  | 05-01-2015 | 45,000 | 4.1825      |
|  | 05-04-2015 | 45,000 | 4.2283      |
|  | 05-05-2015 | 45,000 | 4.1269      |

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|------------|--------|--------|
| 05-06-2015 | 45,000 | 4.0740 |
| 05-07-2015 | 45,000 | 4.7664 |
| 05-08-2015 | 45,000 | 4.6045 |
| 05-11-2015 | 21,000 | 4.5525 |
| 05-12-2015 | 21,000 | 4.5893 |
| 05-13-2015 | 21,000 | 4.3146 |
| 05-14-2015 | 21,000 | 4.1512 |
| 05-15-2015 | 21,626 | 4.1124 |

(d) Not applicable.

(e) The Reporting Persons ceased to beneficially own 5% of the Issuer's issued and outstanding Common Stock on May 14, 2015.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

There have been no changes to Item 6 since the Schedule 13D Amendment filed on November 19, 2008.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit A - Joint Filing Undertaking

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: May 18, 2015

RICHARD C. BLUM & ASSOCIATES, INC.

BLUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.  
By: Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc.  
its General Partner

By: /s/ Deborah L. Perkovich  
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Deborah L. Perkovich  
Vice President

By: /s/ Deborah L. Perkovich  
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Deborah L. Perkovich  
Vice President

BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.L.C.

BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.P.  
By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C.

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its General Partner

By: /s/ Deborah L. Perkovich  
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Vice President

BLUM STRATEGIC PARTNERS III, L.P.  
By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.P.,  
its General Partner  
By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C.  
its General Partner

BLUM STRATEGIC GP IV, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Deborah L. Perkovich  
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Deborah L. Perkovich  
Vice President

By: /s/ Deborah L. Perkovich  
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BLUM STRATEGIC GP IV, L.P.  
By: Blum Strategic GP IV, L.L.C.  
its General Partner

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Deborah L. Perkovich  
Vice President

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Exhibit A  
JOINT FILING UNDERTAKING

The undersigned, being duly authorized thereunto, hereby execute this agreement as an exhibit to this Schedule 13D to evidence the agreement of the below-named parties, in accordance with the rules promulgated pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to file this Schedule jointly on behalf of each such party.

Dated: May 18, 2015

RICHARD C. BLUM & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
  
By: /s/ Deborah L. Perkovich  
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Deborah L. Perkovich  
Vice President

BLUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.  
By: Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc.  
its General Partner  
  
By: /s/ Deborah L. Perkovich  
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Deborah L. Perkovich  
Vice President

BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.L.C.

BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.P.  
By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C.  
its General Partner

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BLUM STRATEGIC PARTNERS III, L.P.  
By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.P.,  
its General Partner  
By: Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C.  
its General Partner

BLUM STRATEGIC GP IV, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Deborah L. Perkovich  
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Deborah L. Perkovich  
Vice President

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