

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 01/14/10

FROM: Executive Committee

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Elevate America Program

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Ratify the Executive Committee's January 4, 2010 decision to allow the Department of Workforce Investment to accept 2,250 vouchers for no-cost access to Microsoft training and certification.

DISCUSSION: Elevate America is a national program in which the Microsoft Corporation will provide 1 million training vouchers to the states for no-cost access to Microsoft E-Learning courses and selected Microsoft Certification exams.

The Microsoft Corporation is entering into a voucher donation agreement with the California Employment Development Department (EDD) to provide citizens of California with 166,500 training vouchers. The EDD will make the vouchers available to the Local Workforce Investment Areas once announced by the Governor, which is anticipated to be in January 2010. All vouchers must be allocated to customers and activated by the customer within 90 days of program initiation.

A total of 2,250 vouchers will be made available to the Department of Workforce Investment.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A