

TO: Executive Committee

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FROM: WIB Staff

For Discussion

For Action

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SUBJECT: Recipient of a Regional Cluster(s) of Opportunity Grant

PROPOSED MOTION(S): For Information Only

DISCUSSION: A grant proposal was submitted by the Central California Workforce Collaborative (CCWC- a 14 county partnership) to the California Workforce Investment Board. The Central Region Center of Excellence has announced the 10 recipients of the Regional Industry Clusters of Opportunity Grants (RICOG). The CCWC has been awarded the grant. The counties involved in the collaborative are Amador, Calaveras, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne Counties.

The funds will be used to conduct a comprehensive study of the region focused on the health care industry. The grant is a joint effort between the California Workforce Investment Board, the California Energy Commission and the California Economic Strategy Panel. Grant funding comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and Assesmbly Bill 118.

The grant amount is for \$200,000.00 with Fresno County as the lead. The grant will end in the first half of the 2011 calendar year.

ATTACHMENT(S): Press Release



Office of the Governor

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THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNOR**PRESS RELEASE**

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Regional Industry Grants Provided To 10 Regions Across The State, More Than \$2 Million Fund Job Training Programs

The California Recovery Task Force today announced the 10 recipients of nearly \$2.2 million in Regional Industry Clusters of Opportunity Grants (RICOG). These grants will bolster regional economic competitiveness by building the capacity of regional collaborations to identify growing industries, undertake strategic planning and leverage public and private resources.

“California’s shift to a low-carbon, clean-energy economy depends on a well-trained, knowledgeable, energized and stable workforce,” said Herb K. Shultz, Senior Advisor to the Governor and Director of the California Recovery Task Force. “It’s important that we invest in our dislocated and new workforce to help them become employed in leading clean energy industries, such as wind and solar manufacturing, clean-fueled vehicles and green, efficient buildings.”

Focusing investments on industry clusters has advantages for both workers and businesses. Workers gain access to career pathways for employment in competitive industries and businesses gain access to specialized workforce.

“California’s economy is so unique that each region has specific industry clusters, which requires a diverse workforce development plan,” said Victoria Bradshaw, Secretary of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency. “This diversity makes these grants ever more important to ensuring a workforce is fully prepared to meet the demands of employers across the state.”

The grant solicitation was a joint effort between the California Workforce Investment Board, the California Energy Commission and the California Economic Strategy Panel. Funding for the grants come from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) and Assembly Bill 118, the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program.

Each of the successful applicants received \$200,000 of Recovery Act funding and those applicants that focus activities on Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Advanced Vehicle Technologies will receive AB 118 funding up to \$50,000.

The 10 entities receiving Regional Industry Clusters of Opportunity grants include:

Applicant Name	Region (Counties)	Recovery Act Amount	AB 118 Amount	Total Award
Fresno County Workforce Investment Board	Amador, Calaveras, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Inyo, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Humboldt County Workforce	Del Norte, Humboldt,	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000

Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium	Butte, Del Oro, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity	\$200,000	\$49,000	\$249,000
North Valley Job Training Consortium (NOVA)	Santa Clara, San Mateo	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Board	Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura	\$200,000	\$49,987	\$249,987
Sacramento Employment Training Agency	El Dorado, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
San Bernardino County	Riverside, San Bernardino	\$200,000	\$49,000	\$249,000
San Diego Workforce Partnership	San Diego	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Santa Barbara Workforce Investment Board	San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura	\$200,000	\$50,000	\$250,000
Workforce Investment Board of Contra Costa	Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
TOTALS:		\$2,000,000	\$197,987	\$2,197,987