

TO: Executive Committee

DATE: 05/04/09

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

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For Discussion

SUBJECT: Regional Collaboration – Sector Training

PROPOSED MOTION(S): For discussion only.

DISCUSSION: The Northern San Joaquin Valley Partnership (Workforce Investment Areas consisting of Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties) has been holding regional meetings along with community colleges from each area. The purpose of the meetings is to determine what trainings are available from each of the colleges, and find out trainings that may be started. The group is working on the feasibility of having participants travel outside of their home counties to take advantage of trainings not offered by their local community college. This would allow each college to specialize in specific trainings that match the regional demand industries. The group is also discussing the issue of sustaining these trainings for the long term.

The following are among the trainings being offered/discussed:

Auto Mechanics	Alternative Fuels	Medical Billing and Coding
Network Communications	Culinary Arts	Licensed Vocational Nursing
Maintenance Mechanics	Welding	Programmable Logic Controllers
Radiology Technician	Stenography	HVAC
Phlebotomy	Home Weatherization	Pharmacy Tech (Clinic Based)
Respiratory Therapist	EKG Technician	Solar Panel Installers

ATTACHMENT(S): None