

TO: WIB Executive Committee

DATE: 11/01/10

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Discussion

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SUBJECT: Request for Proposal (RFP) for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) In-School and Out-of-School Youth Programs Beginning July 1, 2011

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Approve and request the Merced County Board of Supervisors to let a new RFP for the WIA In-School (Younger) and Out-of-School (Older) Programs

DISCUSSION: The Merced County procurement procedures require that competition be re-established after a period of time. More specifically, a contract should be renewed after its initial year with not more than two extensions. The Merced County WIA youth programs began in September 2000 and have assisted economically disadvantaged youth that experience any of the following barriers to employment:

- **Basic skills deficient**
- **High School dropout**
- **Homeless, runaway or in foster care**
- **Pregnant or parenting**
- **Offender**
- **Requires additional assistance (as defined by the WIB) to complete educational program or secure and hold employment.**

The services provided by the selected youth provider shall focus on 10 basic elements, including:

- **Paid and unpaid work experiences, internships**
- **Adult mentors**
- **Leadership development**
- **Occupational skills training**
- **Alternative secondary school services**
- **Comprehensive guidance and counseling**
- **Support services**
- **Summer employment opportunities**
- **Tutoring, study skills training / dropout prevention strategies**
- **Follow-up services.**

It is envisioned that one RFP will be issued, requesting proposals for either the In-School or Out-of School programs, or for both. An RFP takes approximately 100 days to complete from the let date to the program start date. The amount of WIA funding is contingent upon the FY 2011/12 appropriation; however, it is anticipated that approximately \$1 million will be available for the combined programs.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A