

TO: Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

DATE: 11/18/10

FROM: WIB Staff

For Discussion

For Action

For Information

SUBJECT: Merced County EDC Green Jobs Initiative and Agreement

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Approval of the Green Jobs Initiative and Agreement with the Merced County Economic Development Corporation (Merced County EDC).

DISCUSSION: Since numerous entities in Merced County have mutual economic development interests that require collaboration and coordination, the Merced County EDC has provided an agreement to ensure that economic development programs, services, and associated activities throughout Merced County are effectively coordinated and executed.

Additionally, the Merced County EDC is compiling information for a resource guide. The information for the guide includes programs and services offered through the WIB, a contact person and website address.

ATTACHMENT(S): Merced County EDC Green Jobs Initiative and Agreement

GREEN JOBS INITIATIVE AND AGREEMENT

By and Between

MERCED COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

and

COUNTY OF MERCED

and

CITY OF ATWATER

and

CITY OF DOS PALOS

and

CITY OF GUSTINE

and

CITY OF LIVINGSTON

and

CITY OF LOS BANOS

and

CITY OF MERCED

and

MERCED COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

and

ATWATER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

and

DOS PALOS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

and

GUSTINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

and

LIVINGSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

and

LOS BANOS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

and

GREATER MERCED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

and

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA MERCED

and

MERCED COMMUNITY COLLEGE

and

CONGRESSMAN CARDOZA

and

SENATOR ANTHONY CANNELA

and

ASSEMBLYWOMEN GALGIANI

and

MERCED AHEAD- UNITED WAY OF MERCED

and

MERCED BOOSTERS

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MERCED

and

MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

and

MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

and

MERCED COUNTY FARM BUEARU

and

MERCED COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

and

MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

and

CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

and

CENTRAL VALLEY BUSINESS INCUBATOR

and

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA FINANCE GROUP

and
PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY
and
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER/ALLIANCE-UC MERCED
and
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
and
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
and
UNITED STATES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)

This Green Jobs Initiative and Agreement entered into, the 9TH day of December, 2010 by and among the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), and the agencies, organizations and units of government who agree to ensure that economic development programs, services, and associated activities throughout Merced County are effectively coordinated and executed.

WHEREAS, the parties participating in this Green Jobs Initiative and Agreement represent diverse organizations having mutual economic development interests; and

WHEREAS, the parties recognize that successful economic development activities require collaboration and coordination of services and programs; and

WHEREAS, each party to this agreement offers unique and different services and programs associated with economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the parties agree that such services and programs are in the public interest and similarly improve and promote the public health, welfare, and safety of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to establish a general collaborative framework for the promotion and development of green jobs, that will result in sustaining activities that will build a vibrant economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties, in an effort to maximize limited resources for economic development, acknowledge the following services and programs offered by each listed agency, government or organization as follows:

Example statement of services: please list your services and programs on the form below and fax or email back to the EDC by November 30, 2010.

Example

- **Economic Development Corporation** is operated as a 501 (c) (4) nonprofit under contract with several government agencies to implement economic development related services that promote the vitality of the economy for Merced County. The EDC is charged with three primary missions.

Program: **Business Retention, Expansion, Attraction and Formation**

Services: Retain the existing employer base
Expand and diversify the existing employer base

Attract new employers to the area

Assist in the development of new start-up business ventures

Special projects grants and funding to support communities of Merced County

Enter your organizations name, role, and responsibilities you would like listed in our resource guide.

- **Workforce Investment Board of Merced County (Merced WIB)** provides oversight of Worknet of Merced County Employment Resource Centers and related activities under the Workforce Investment Act. The Merced WIB serves as the convener and facilitator for influencing policy and standards relating to the workforce development system to ensure that Merced County remains a growing and prosperous community

Program: **Enterprise Zone Vouchering for Businesses, Tax Credit Information, skill-sets increase for Job Seekers and Incumbent Workers, Workforce Preparation, Customized Training for Employers**

Services: Enterprise Zone Vouchering
Tax Credit Information (Work Opportunity Tax Credit)
Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act
Skills Assessment of current and potential employees
Business Solutions Website (www.mcbizhelp.com)
Comprehensive programs for employment and life skills for youth and adults
Lists employment openings
Assists employers in recruitment efforts including Job Fairs
Assists employers with Business Retention and Expansion efforts

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