

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 1/10/08

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: State Board Regional Roundtable Meeting – January 14, 2008

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information Only.

DISCUSSION: The California Workforce Investment Board (State Board), in cooperation with the Workforce Investment Board of Merced County, will conduct a Regional Roundtable to discuss the development of a workforce strategy that will support California's competitive edge in the 21st Century economy. The following individuals have been asked to attend the Regional Roundtable:

- **Andrea Baker**
- **Robert Harmon**
- **Anne Newins**
- **John Fowler**
- **Albert Montejano**
- **Al Peterson**

The Regional Roundtable will be held on January 14, 2008, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at University of California, Merced.

**ATTACHMENT(S):
Sample Letter**

Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

Lawrence Gotlieb
Chair

Chris Essel
Vice-Chair

Barbara Halsey
Executive Director

December 4, 2007

Mr. John Fowler, Director
Commerce, Aviation & Economic Development
2507 Heritage Drive
Atwater, CA 95301

Dear Mr. Fowler:

The California Workforce Investment Board (State Board), in cooperation with the Workforce Investment Board of Merced County, invites you to participate in a Regional Roundtable to discuss the development of a workforce strategy, which will support California's competitive edge in the 21st Century economy. The State Board is responsible for the development of a State Strategic Workforce Plan (Strategy). The new Strategy must advance a workforce system that can better contribute to California's position as a global economic leader.

The State Board wants to engage State and Local Board members, business and industry leaders, economic development and education professionals. We are asking you to be a member of a team consisting of up to 6 individuals from our local area. We believe you will bring valuable insight to this conversation, and can speak to the most successful collaborations between workforce development, economic development and education programs.


Additionally, the State Board will solicit input about the value of "The Industry Clusters of Opportunity" methodology for strategic decision-making at the State, regional, and local levels. This methodology was developed for the State Board through the Regional Economies Project, and will be presented during the Regional Roundtable discussions. The State Board believes this model provides the foundation for collaborative planning among partners by addressing the issues of workforce development and education as the key drivers for economic development.

The Regional Roundtable will be held on January 14, 2008, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at University of California, Merced, 5200 North Lake Road, Merced, CA 95343 (Valley Dining Commons). Due to limited space, please let us know of your availability by RSVP to Ms. Moreen Lane at (916) 324-2988 or at mlane@cwib.ca.gov by January 4, 2008.

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We have enclosed a fact sheet for your information regarding the Regional Roundtables. Please contact Barbara Halsey, Executive Director, State Board at (916) 324-3364 should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Gotlieb". The signature is written in a cursive style with a loop at the end of the last name.

LARRY GOTLIEB, Chair
California Workforce Investment Board

Robert Harmon, Chair
Workforce Investment Board of
Merced County

Enclosure