

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 1/11/07

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Manufacturing Career Advancement Academy Grant

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: On December 20, 2006, staff from Merced College, Merced Adult School, Merced County Office of Education and the Department of Workforce Investment (WI) discussed the Central Valley Careers Collaborative. The College of the Sequoias is requesting \$1,666,666 from the California Community Colleges Academic Affairs Division to create a Career Advancement Academy for Manufacturing.

The Goal of the Central Valley Career Advancement Academy is to establish clear pipelines for undereducated, underemployed youth and young adults (ages 18-34) to attain the necessary basic skills for employment readiness and career technical training. The project design “creates easily accessible non-cost prohibitive opportunities for individuals seeking to increase basic skill knowledge in reading, writing and mathematics leading to occupational skills training, apprenticeships, work experience, national skills certification, higher education, entrepreneurship, or career employment”.

The grant brings together local workforce agencies, adult education and K-12/ROP programs, occupational skills providers, industry leaders, community-based organizations, skills certification councils and Central California Community College Districts. If awarded, community colleges within the counties of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare and Kern will each receive approximately \$206,667 to implement the High Skills Manufacturing Career Advancement Academy Grant. The term of the grant is for 12 months. Detailed partner workplans and letters of commitment are due January 4, 2007, to the College of the Sequoias. The Merced County Collaborative plans to serve 85 students.

Deadline for submitting applications	February 22, 2007, 5 p.m.
Reading of applications	March 1–2, 2007
Notification of Intent to Award	March 7, 2007
Appeal deadline	March 21, 2007
Board of Governors Approval	May 7–8, 2007 (<i>for grants over \$100,000</i>)
Project Commencement	July 1, 2007

ATTACHMENT (S): N/A