

TO: Executive Committee

DATE: 2/05/07

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Dept of Workforce Investment/Central Valley Opportunity Center Joint Grant

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: On April 26, 2006, the Department of Workforce Investment submitted a joint funding application with Central Valley Opportunity Center (CVOC) for the Dislocated Worker Additional Assistance Project. Merced County was awarded \$175,000 to provide core, intensive and training services to 35 dislocated workers from 5 major layoffs—Michael’s Cooperage Co, Toys R Us, Office Max, Unilever and Dole Packaged Frozen Foods.

Since that time, two additional employers have requested assistance, one with a closure and the other with layoffs. The first is Fisher Research Labs, Inc, closing and laying off approximately 150 employees. The other is John B. Sanfillippo & Son that will be laying off approximately 100 employees.

Dept of WI has received approval from EDD to serve these employees under the Joint CVOC/WI grant.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A