

**TO: Workforce Investment Board**

**DATE: 3/08/07**

**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**