

**TO: Workforce Investment Board
Executive Committee**

DATE: 3/10/03

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Bill Strickland and the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild and Bidwell Training Center, Inc.

PROPOSED MOTION(S): For Information.

DISCUSSION: Bill Strickland spoke at the 2002 Workforce Policy and Leadership Conference held at the Monterey Marriott and Conference Center September 11-13. Mr. Strickland is the President and CEO of Manchester Craftsman's Guild and Bidwell Training Center, Inc., both founded in 1968 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. These organizations prepare people for their futures through creative inquiry and production reflection through mentored relationships with artists, educators and counselors.

The Department of Workforce Investment is attempting to contact Mr. Strickland to see if he is available to come and speak to the Merced County Workforce Investment Board possibly in late spring or early summer 2003.

ATTACHMENT(S): None.