

**TO: Workforce Investment Board (WIB)
Executive Committee**

DATE: 3/10/03

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Grant Application to the Department of Labor's Work Incentive Program

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Authorize the WIB Chair to sign the application and any other documents related to the grant, and direct WIB staff to submit the application.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Labor's Work Incentive Program is designed to enhance the employability, employment, and career advancement of people with disabilities through enhanced service delivery in One-Stop systems. Individual Workforce Investment Boards are eligible applicants under this program. The project being proposed will provide new software and other items to enhance the One-Stop experience for people with disabilities, and will provide for staff with disability expertise to be housed at the One-Stop.

ATTACHMENT(S): Executive Summary

Executive Summary
Merced County Workforce Investment Board Proposal to
The Work Incentive Grant Program

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Under the proposed project, the Merced County WIB will seek approximately \$300,000 in funding to improve access to One-Stop services for people with disabilities. This will be accomplished through the acquisition of special software to make existing computer programs at the One-Stop more accessible. Funds will also be requested to pay for staff with expertise in disability issues to be housed at the One-Stop, and for a number of other improvements that will allow disabled customers to more fully participate in One-Stop activities.

The deadline for this opportunity is March 28, 2003 and the period of performance will be 24 months.