

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

**Date: 3/28/02**

**FROM: Youth Council**

**For Action**  
 **For Information**  
 **Meeting Notes**

**SUBJECT: Request for Funds - Merced College (Westside)**

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

**That the WIB approve a request for funds from Merced College, Los Banos campus to establish a Westside Electronics Laboratory.**

**DISCUSSION:**

**Merced College plans to establish an electronics program that can offer at least the first two levels of the CISCO certification program, as well as a variety of other electronics courses in demand by local and regional industry. Timelines for the project include offering additional classes in the fall of 2002, ordering equipment in the spring of 2002, and remodeling a classroom in the summer of 2002. The request is for \$66,000 and will be used to purchase equipment for the lab.**

**This request for funds was approved by the Youth Council Operations Committee on February 27, 2002. During their meeting, Dean Anne Newins, Los Banos Campus, Mr. Mike Cuchna, Dean of Instruction, and Mr. William Walls, CISCO Instructor provided information on the CISCO Academies and how the Westside Electronics Laboratory would operate. The positive graduation rate from CISCO curriculum and numbers of available jobs were also discussed. The Youth Council approved the funds request March 8, 2002.**

**ATTACHMENTS: N/A**