

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 05/10/07

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) 167 Farmworker Funding Letter

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.

DISCUSSION: On behalf of the Workforce Investment Board, the attached letter was sent to the US Department of Labor, Division of Federal Assistance, supporting the Central Valley Opportunity Center's application for continued WIA 167 Farmworker funding.

**ATTACHMENT(S):
Letter of Support**



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200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

The Merced County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) is in support of the Central Valley Opportunity Center's (CVOC) application for continued WIA 167 Farmworker funding. CVOC has been a valued WIB partner since the inception of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), and has successfully provided employment and training services to our tri-county region of Merced, Madera and Stanislaus Counties for the last 27 years.

CVOC continues to provide valuable services to the region's farmworkers and low-income persons. CVOC has operated State farmworker grants, Dislocated Agricultural Worker projects, Rural Youth programs, and training programs for enrolled WIA participants.

The continued funding for CVOC through WIA 167 Farmworker funding is a critical element of Merced County's employment and training services. The funding will allow CVOC to continue to provide valuable employment services to migrant seasonal farmworkers and other low-income persons throughout the county. Your favorable consideration of their application for funding is urged.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Harmon
Chair

"Merced County's Workforce Investment system will keep pace with the new growth, the emerging economy, and the ever changing needs of the employers by creating a better educated, highly skilled workforce, that's capable, and prepared, and thoroughly knowledgeable."