

**TO: Workforce Investment Board**

**DATE: 05/11/2006**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Implications for Action**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only.**

**DISCUSSION: Education/Economic Development: Workforce Investment Board members attended a Regional P-16 Conference held at the University of California, Merced, March 30, 2006. The conference, “Linking Education to the Economic Future of the Central Valley”, was well attended. Representatives from Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus and Tulare-Kings Counties were present in large numbers (over 200).**

**Conference topics included the strategy of regional P-16 collaboration within five priority concerns in the state: 1) expanding preschool experiences; 2) reducing secondary school attrition; 3) improving college-going, transfer, and graduation rates; 4) heightening professional development for teachers; and 5) increasing the availability of qualified teachers.**

**Highlights of the conference included presentations from Mr. Michael Gallo, President and Chief Operating Officer, Kelly Space and Technology, Inc. – “Why the Private Sector Should Collaborate with Educators”, and the luncheon session with The Honorable Jack O’Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.**

**Workforce Housing: The Workforce Housing Taskforce continues to meet. The Taskforce will travel to Ripon, CA on May 3, 2006, to view inclusionary housing within Ripon. The Taskforce has been viewing inclusionary housing plans from Merced County cities, and plans to begin to put together a model template for future use. The template is scheduled for completion in the fall, and then will be presented to County and City governments.**

**ATTACHMENT(S): N/A**