

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 07/12/07

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Central Valley Career Advancement Partnership

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information only

DISCUSSION: The Central Valley Career Advancement Partnership, consisting of Fresno City College, Reedley College and the North Centers West Hills Community College District, Merced College have been awarded funding to develop contextualized curriculum to improve reading, writing and math skills in local workforces. In addition, the colleges will expand curriculum that reinforces workplace readiness skills such as punctuality, interpersonal communication and problem solving.

The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and Department of Workforce Investment (WI) are partners in the Merced College part of the grant. Grant award is for \$221,000; Merced College - \$207,000, and WIB/WI - \$14,000. The WIB/WI will provide outreach and assessment services.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Letter of Grant Approval



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March 22, 2007

Ms. Andrea Baker
Merced County Department of Workforce Investment
1880 W. Wardrobe Ave
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Dear Ms. Baker:

Thank you on behalf of the State Center Community College District for your support of our application for funding from the California Community College Chancellor's Office Career Advancement Academy program. We are very pleased to inform you that our application was approved for funding.

This grant will provide the Central Valley Career Advancement Partnership, which includes Fresno City College, Reedley College and the North Centers, West Hills Community College District, and Merced College, with funding to develop contextualized curriculum to improve reading, writing and math skills in our local workforce. In addition, the colleges will expand curriculum that reinforces workplace readiness skills such as punctuality, interpersonal communication and problem solving. Employers in the San Joaquin Valley region have universally identified these skills as the highest priority for the local workforce.

Your commitment to our common goals is much appreciated. Although the workforce development needs of the San Joaquin Valley are significant, we know that working together, we will be able to make great progress for the benefit of the business community and employees alike.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Quinn".

Michael Quinn
Interim Vice Chancellor

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