

**TO: Workforce Investment Board**

**DATE: 11/08/07**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Representation – Merced County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) “Strategy Committee”**

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

**DISCUSSION: The Merced County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDCO) is proceeding with a countywide CEDS to help position the cities and County of Merced to compete for federal funding through the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA). MCEDCO is the Planning Organization for the CEDS, and has identified its Executive Committee as the Strategy Committee. The Strategy Committee is responsible for developing, revising, or replacing the CEDS.**

**The Strategy Committee is composed of public officials, community leaders, representatives of higher education, minority and labor groups, private individuals, and representatives of workforce development boards.**

**The Merced County WIB will be represented by three members. Dr. Benjamin Duran and Mr. Rick Osorio, presently members of the MCEDCO Executive Committee, have volunteered to represent the WIB. They will join Mr. Robert Harmon as WIB members on the CEDS Strategy Committee.**

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