

**TO: Workforce Investment Board**

**Date: November 15, 2001**

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

**FROM: Planning and Policy Development Committee**

**SUBJECT: Determination of “Occupations in Demand”**

**PROPOSED MOTION: “For the purpose of Section 134(d)(4)(A)(iii) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, training services shall be deemed to be linked to occupations in demand if the proposed training is in an occupation with a forecasted Total Growth in openings of at least six (6) per year in (a) the local labor market or (b) the labor market to which the recipient of such training services has agreed to relocate.**

**For purposes of this policy, Total Growth shall be defined as the sum of openings resulting from “industry growth”, “technological change” and “separations” as defined by the State of California, Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division.**

**Determination of demand shall be based on the most recent published forecast produced for the relevant labor market by the State of California, Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division.**

**The Board may, from time to time, designate additional occupations which do not meet the above criteria but which it believes have a high potential for sustained demand or growth in the local labor market.”**

**DISCUSSION:**

**The Law – WIA 134(d)(4)(A)(iii) Linkage to occupations in demand - - Training services provided under this paragraph shall be directly linked to occupations that are in demand in the local area, or in another area to which and adult or dislocated worker receiving such services is willing to relocate, except that a local board may approve training services for occupations**

**determined by the local board to be in sectors of the economy that have a high potential for sustained demand or growth in the local area.**

**The Regulations -- Subpart C—Training Services § 663.310 (c) – [One of the requirements is that the client] select a program of training services that is directly linked to the employment opportunities either in the local area or in another area to which the individual is willing to relocate.**

**Commentary -- The objective of this policy is exclusionary; i.e., it prevents training dollars from being spent on occupations for which there is not a minimal level of demand.**