

**TO: WIB Executive Committee**

**DATE: 01/31/05**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: State of the Workforce Report**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): To support the State of the Workforce Report and advocate for the Implications for Action related to the three identified Regional Strategic Issues; Economic Development, Education and Workforce Housing.**

**DISCUSSION: The WIB held panels on these three issues in the last year during regularly scheduled WIB meetings and identified these three issues as critical to the health and vitality of Merced County's economy and workforce. The Implications for Action are a result of the recently held WIB retreat wherein working groups drafted statements suggesting opportunities and recommendations for action to be considered by decision and policy makers. The Report and the Implications for Action will be presented to the Board of Supervisors, tentatively scheduled for the March 15 meeting. The "Talking Points" insert will be used at the DC Trip the first week of March. Presentations will be made to City Councils, Community Based Organizations (Kiwanis is scheduled for March 9) and local, state and federal political representatives as a means to facilitate change and policy related to the three issues.**

**ATTACHMENT(S): State of the Workforce Report (To be provided prior to or at meeting)**