

TO: Executive Committee

DATE: 11/03/08

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Regional Veterans Grant Proposal

PROPOSED MOTION(S): For Information Only

DISCUSSION: The Employment Development Department (EDD) in coordination with the California Workforce Investment Board (CALWIB), on behalf of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency is requesting proposals for a Veterans Employment-Related Assistance.

The Merced County Department of Workforce Investment, Madera County Workforce Investment Board, and the Stanislaus County Alliance Worknet, in collaboration with local/regional veterans service organizations have proposed to implement a regional project to identify and recruit recently discharged, campaign-era, and disabled veterans, including veterans with significant employment barriers, and will provide a comprehensive menu of personalized and accelerated services and/or training in regionally identified high-demand industry sectors (Healthcare, Manufacturing, Renewable Energy, Agriculture and Agri-Business, Transportation/Logistics) to facilitate employment and advancement of veterans throughout the region in high-wage, high growth occupations.

If awarded, Madera County will be the fiscal agent for the project, and has requested \$1,000,000 to serve veterans over a 36-month period. The industry sectors chosen are aligned with the Merced County Workforce Investment Board and the Central California Workforce Collaborative (CCWC). The regional project is scheduled to serve 120 veterans (Madera and Merced–30 each, Stanislaus–60 participants). The project will provide veterans with training, on-the-job training (OJTs), supportive services, assessments (WorkKeys).

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A