

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 3/11/10

FROM: Executive Committee

For Discussion

For Action

For Information

SUBJECT: Merced College Applied Biological Technologies Grant Proposal

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Ratify the Executive Committee's recommendation to approve the Department of Workforce Investment to partner with Merced College in the Applied Biological Technologies Grant if awarded and to contribute \$30,000 in matching funds for student internships.

DISCUSSION: A grant proposal has been submitted by the Merced Community College District to establish the San Joaquin Biotechnology Center (SBJC) at Merced College through the Applied Biological Technologies 2010-2011 Initiative of the California Community College Economic and Workforce Development (EWD) Program.

Merced College will establish the SBJC as the regional hub of bioscience workforce development and training. The SBJC will work in partnership with Economic and Workforce Development and other local, regional, and state partners to achieve the following two objectives:

- To meet the current and future employer demand for a skilled and prepared bioscience/biotechnology workforce**
- To create multiple pathways leading to in-demand employment opportunities in bioscience/biotechnology and related occupations**

The Department of Workforce Investment's contribution to the program will be funding for student internships at \$3,000/student for 10 students for a total of \$30,000 for the program year 2010-2011.

ATTACHMENT(S): Proposal available at meeting