

TO: Executive Committee

DATE: 05/03/10

FROM: WIB Staff

For Discussion

For Action

For Information

SUBJECT: Regional Grant Efforts

PROPOSED MOTION(S): For Information only.

DISCUSSION: At the last Executive Committee meeting members requested that staff provide information on recent collaborative efforts for grant funding. Following is a sample of collaborative grant solicitation response efforts within the past 12 months:

- **Regional Veterans Grant for \$750,000 to assist veterans in obtaining employment in WIB determined industry demand clusters. The solicitation effort was a collaborative effort by Stanislaus, Madera and Merced County WIBs. Funds were awarded for this grant.**
- **Regional Cluster Grant for \$250,000 to build on a regional study to provide resources to focus specifically on the Healthcare Industry Cluster to drill down and provide the data driven analysis required to effect positive change in the industry. The solicitation effort was a collaborative effort by the Central California Workforce Collaborative (CCWC – a 14 county partnership). Funds were awarded for this grant.**
- **Department of Labor – Healthcare Sector and Other High Growth and Emerging Industries. The purpose of the grant was to teach workers necessary skills for and help pursue careers in healthcare and other high growth industries. The amount of the grant was up to \$5 million dollars. This solicitation response was a multi-county effort. Funds were not awarded for this grant.**
- **National Emergency Grant (NEG) for \$11.2 million. The grant funds will be used to offset the downturn in the regional economy. The project will design a demand-driven workforce investment plan that supports “green jobs” and targeted industry clusters determined by the CCWC. Funds were awarded but reduced to \$8.1 million.**
- **Department of Labor Community Based Job Training Grant to provide truckdriving, forklift, and hazardous material (HAZMAT) licensing and certifications (for the Merced portion) is a multi-county solicitation response effort for \$5 million. The proposal submission date was April 29, 2010.**
- **San Joaquin Valley Green Job Corps. This grant provides education, training, and work experience for up to 160 youth participants ages 16-24 in the green sector. The solicitation response effort was submitted by the CCWC involving 9 partners for a total of \$1 million. Funds were awarded for this grant.**
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ATTACHMENT(S): None