

**TO: Executive Committee**

**DATE: 5/04/09**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Older Youth Contract Amendment with Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) for Summer Youth Employment Program through the ARRA**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Approve staff to negotiate contract amendment to the Older Youth Contract (No. 2008149) with MCOE, to add \$155,366 of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Youth funding to cover payroll services for youth employed during the summer of 2009, and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.**

**DISCUSSION: The present Older Youth contract (No. 2008149) began July 1, 2008, and has been extended to September 30, 2009. On April 6, 2009, the Executive Committee approved the addition of ARRA funds be added to the current Older Youth Contract for recruitment, enrollment, case management and placement of youth on worksites in the summer of 2009.**

**Through this negotiated amendment, payroll services will be provided by MCOE. It is anticipated that payroll services increase the cost of the contract by \$155,366 of ARRA funding, increasing the total amount not to exceed \$772,231.**

**The negotiations with the contractor shall include ensuring youth are provided with paychecks in a timely manner.**

**If approved, it is anticipated this item will be placed on the June 9, 2009 Merced County Board of Supervisors agenda.**

**ATTACHMENT(S): N/A**