

TO: Executive Committee

DATE: 05/04/09

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Recruitment of Private Sector Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Members

PROPOSED MOTION(S): For discussion only.

DISCUSSION: Section 117 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 states that a majority of the members of the local board shall be representatives of business in the local area who:

- **are owners of businesses, chief executives or operating officers of businesses, and other business executives or employers with optimum policy-making or hiring authority;**
- **represent businesses with employment opportunities that reflect the employment opportunities of the local area; and**
- **are appointed from among individuals nominated by local business organizations and business trade associations.**

Currently our WIB business sector membership is at 51.85% (14/27). If one business sector member leaves the WIB, the WIB will be below the required majority. Potential WIB member candidates were invited to a breakfast meeting on February 2, 2009. An ongoing dialogue has been maintained with 7 WIB prospects. Three of those candidates have determined that they cannot put in the required time. There is ongoing follow-up being carried out on 4 other potential members.

In addition Senate Bill (SB) 293 requires that at least 15 percent of WIB members shall be representatives of labor unless the local labor federation fails to nominate enough members. If this occurs, then at least 10 percent of the local board members shall be representatives of labor organizations. Two labor representative nominees' applications will be presented to the WIB at the May 14, 2009 WIB meeting for membership approval.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A