

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 05/13/2010

FROM: Executive Committee

For Discussion

For Action

For Information

SUBJECT: Commerce, Aviation, and Economic Development (CAED) Support for Hiring Local Support Letter "Hiring 50% Local"

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Ratify the Executive Committee's decision to endorse a proposed Merced County Board of Supervisors Agenda Item (BAI) to recommend all County Departments that issue Requests for Qualifications, Proposals, Sole Source projects, and/or competitively bid construction road, and housing projects of all types to encourage the successful lowest responsible bidders or recipients to hire 50 percent of all project workforce within the legal boundaries of Merced County, when not precluded by law.

DISCUSSION: The Merced County Department of Commerce, Aviation and Economic Development (CAED) has drafted a BAI to recommend the above. They have requested the WIBs endorsement on this issue of hiring local. The Director of CAED will monitor this effort to determine the results of this voluntary program and will report findings to the Board of Supervisors 12 months from the enactment date.

ATTACHMENT(S): Support for Hiring Local Draft Board Agenda Item

DEPT ID

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
THROUGH: LARRY T. COMBS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
FROM: MARK J. HENDRICKSON, DIRECTOR, COMMERCE, AVIATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (CAED)

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMARY: As of February 2010, Merced County has 23,800 of its workforce unemployed. This number represents 22.1 percent of the workforce of Merced County. This figure does not include those discouraged workers who have exhausted Unemployment Insurance.

This policy proposal recommends directing all County Departments that issue Requests for Qualifications, Requests for Proposals, Sole Source projects, and/or competitively bid construction, road, and housing projects of all types, to encourage the successful lowest responsible bidders or sole source contract recipients to hire 50 percent of all project workforce within the legal boundaries of Merced County, when not precluded by law. The Director of CAED will serve as the focal point and monitor this effort to determine positive results of this voluntary program, and will reports its findings to the Board of Supervisors 12 months from the enactment date.

This proposal aims to assist local residents to return to full employment in the construction and development trades, thus reducing unemployment. It should be noted per existing policy, Merced County does, in fact, make local bidder preferences available to providers of numerous goods and services as a means of helping create and retain jobs in the County. It is anticipated this proposal will further enhance this existing policy.

STAFFING IMPACT: None by this action.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

CONTRACT / RESOLUTION / ABSTRACT/OTHER SUBMITTED: None.

REVIEW:

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Department Contact: Mark Hendrickson 385-7686

REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION/ACTION NEEDED: Direct all departments issuing Requests for Qualifications, Requests for Proposals, Sole Source projects, and competitively bid construction, road, and housing projects of all types, to encourage the successful lowest responsible bidders or sole source contract recipients to hire 50 percent of all project workforce within the legal boundaries of Merced County.

For Board Staff Only

Target Date: 05-25-10