

**TO: Workforce Investment Board**

**DATE: 5/14/09**

**FROM: Executive Committee WIB**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Merced College PLATO Lab Contract Amendment**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S):** Ratify the Executive Committee's decision to approve expanding the hours of instruction to provide evening PLATO basic skills instruction at the Los Baños Worknet Employment Resource Center beginning April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009, and direct staff to negotiate amending contract No. 2008086.

**DISCUSSION:** As a result of a Request for Proposal, Merced College was awarded a contract to provide PLATO Lab services (GED instruction) for forty-three (43) hours per week, 5 days a week, with evening instruction on Wednesdays at the Los Baños Worknet Employment Resource Center. Once approved, the amendment will add six (6) evening hours of instruction (3 hours on Tuesday and 3 hours on Thursday) to benefit the increasing number of individuals utilizing One-Stop services.

Amending the PLATO contract keeps the Workforce Investment Board aligned with the President's Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that encourages the expansion of educational and employment services through the One-Stop system.

The present contract will run from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, at a total contract cost not to exceed \$66,584. It is anticipated the amendment will increase the contract by approximately \$3,000.00

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