

TO: Executive Committee

DATE: 06/01/09

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

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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.

Potential WIB member candidates were invited to a breakfast meeting on February 2, 2009. On May 14, 2009, the WIB approved membership of Mr. Agustin Beltran and Mr. James Woods, both individuals will be representatives for Labor. Although it is anticipated that Mr. Cordell (Corky) Price's application (private sector–Manufacturing) will be on the July WIB meeting agenda for membership, the need for more representation from the private sector is still required.

It is recommended that the Executive Committee discuss strategies to increase private sector membership on the WIB from the following industry clusters: Agribusiness, including Food Processing, Agricultural Technology, and Biotechnology; Manufacturing; Supply Chain Management and Logistics; Health and Medical Care; and Renewable Energy.

The following are recommendations to achieve this goal:

- Add this goal to an existing ad-hoc committee (Economic Development or Employment Development);
- Create a new ad-hoc committee and request volunteers (minimum 3-5) at the next WIB meeting (Zoomerang Survey to WIB members requesting volunteers).

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A