

**TO: Workforce Investment Board (WIB)**

**DATE: 07/08/10**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Discussion**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**SUBJECT: Stanislaus County Alliance Worknet Solar/Weatherization Training**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S):** That the Workforce Investment Board recommend the approval of a Solar/Weatherization Training through the Stanislaus County Alliance Worknet for up to eight (8) participants at a cost not to exceed \$22,131.20, direct staff to negotiate an agreement, and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

**DISCUSSION:** On January 14, 2010, the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) approved the Centers of Excellence to conduct a study to determine the extent to which green jobs exist in Merced County and to identify the nature and quality of the 6-8 top green occupations expected in the near future (1 and 3 year projections). In order to prepare participants for upcoming occupations in the Green Sector, the Department of Workforce Investment in collaboration with Stanislaus County Alliance Worknet (the One Stop Operator in Stanislaus County), will provide a *combined* Solar and Weatherization training program to WIA participants. Additionally, this "Green Sector" course will provide training in one of the WIB's selected industry sector - Renewable/Alternative Energy.

The contract shall provide training for up to eight (8) participants unless the balance of referrals is altered (with the approval of both parties) at a cost not to exceed \$22,131.20, beginning July 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None