

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 07/14/11

FROM: WIB Staff

- For Discussion**
- For Action**
- For Information**

SUBJECT: High Concentration of Youth Contract with the Merced County Office of Education

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Approve a High Concentration of Youth contract with the Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) to serve 30 additional youth with disabilities for the duration 7/1/11 through 5/31/12 (11 months) for an amount not to exceed \$87,652, and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

DISCUSSION: The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) requires States to provide additional assistance to local areas that have high concentrations of eligible youth. The Merced local area meets the criteria developed and approved by the State Board for funding as detailed in Workforce Services Directive WSD10-16 dated June 7, 2011. In collaboration with the Merced County Office of Education – MCOE (current year-round WIA youth contracted provider), Department of Workforce Investment (WI) applied for High Concentration of Youth Funds to serve 30 additional youth with disabilities. The funds requested were matched by MCOE at the rate of one dollar of non-WIA funds for each three dollars of high concentration grant funds.

On June 30, 2011, WI was notified that the application was funded. The application requires an agreement with the MCOE for case management (salaries and benefits) of 30 additional youth participants with disabilities, travel, supplies, participant wages, and supportive services. The cash match provided by the MCOE shall provide Workability student wages, job developer stipends, and post-secondary Career Technical Education Tuition (for up to 5 students).

ATTACHMENT(S):