

TO: Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

DATE: 09/16/10

FROM: Executive Committee

For Discussion

For Action

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SUBJECT: Worknet of Tulare County – National Emergency Grant Agreement

PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the WIB ratify the Executive Committee's decision to recommend the approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County to satisfy the Regional Economic Impact – National Emergency Grant (REI/NEG) requirements, providing \$263,780 in revenue for assessments, work experience, and training related activities, and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

DISCUSSION: On April 5, 2010, the Workforce Investment Board's Executive Committee was informed that through a competitive process, Tulare County's REI/NEG application to the Department of Labor was selected and awarded the amount of \$8,197,664.

National Emergency Grants (NEGs) temporarily expand the service capacity of Workforce Investment Act training and employment programs at the state and local levels by providing funding assistance in response to large, unexpected economic events which cause significant job losses. NEGs generally provide resources to states and local workforce investment boards to quickly re-employ laid-off workers by offering training to increase occupational skills.

The MOA with the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County shall begin May 1, 2010 and end on April 30, 2011 and will provide \$263,780 to Merced County for 1) assessments, 2) work experience to dislocated workers, 3) individual training in the five WIB supported targeted sectors of Agribusiness, Manufacturing, Renewable/Alternative Energy, Healthcare, and Transportation/Logistics, and 4) contracted training in the same sectors listed above.

ATTACHMENT(S): Memorandum of Agreement available at meeting.