

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 10/07/11

FROM: Executive Committee

For Discussion

For Action

For Information

SUBJECT: Worknet of Tulare County – National Emergency Grant Agreement

PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the WIB ratify the Executive Committee's recommendation to approve a new 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 \$200,844 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, the initial contracted amount to Merced County from the Tulare County WIB was in the amount of \$263,780. This MOA ended on April 30, 2011. The Department of Labor awarded a second round of funding and an extension of time. The new MOA for additional funding and extension of time would range from May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012.

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.

A new MOA with the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County will provide \$202,844 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.

On September 12, 2011, the Executive Committee approved 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 \$200,844 in revenue for assessments, work experience, and training related activities.

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