

**TO: Workforce Investment Board**

**DATE: 10/07/11**

**FROM: Executive Committee**

**For Discussion**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**SUBJECT: Stanislaus County Alliance Worknet – Veterans Connect Grant Agreement**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Ratify the Executive Committee’s decision to approve a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Alliance Worknet to serve local veterans in the amount of \$90,000 for assessments, work experience, and training related activities, for the duration June 1, 2011 through March 31, 2013, and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.**

**DISCUSSION:** The MOA with the Alliance Worknet will provide \$90,000 to Merced County to develop and implement a targeted marketing and outreach campaign to identify and recruit potential participants for this project, determine eligibility of applicants, create and maintain a comprehensive participant case file. Additionally, veterans will receive comprehensive assessments and develop an Individual Employment Plan. The total number of veterans served with these funds shall not exceed 15 participants in accordance with locally approved processes and procedures.

The services for veterans may include, but are not limited to, workshops, assessments, career counseling, supportive services, ITA vouchers, On-the-Job Training agreements, and direct job placement. Veterans will also be referred to project-specific Behavioral Health or Job Analysis and Accommodation services, as appropriate, and provided a copy of each referral form to Alliance Worknet.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** Contract shall be available at the meeting.