

TO: Workforce Investment Board

DATE: 11/12/09

FROM: Executive Committee

For Action

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For Discussion

SUBJECT: Wastewater Treatment Course Contract - Merced College

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Approve contract for a Wastewater Treatment Operator course offered by Merced College at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.

DISCUSSION: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has made it possible to enroll a large number of participants into various trainings. Guidance provided by the State for implementation of the ARRA includes the development of curriculum for emerging sectors, and recommends enhancing the capacity of organizations providing these trainings to ensure quality training within limited timeframes.

On July 9, 2009, the Workforce Investment Board approved negotiating with Merced College to provide different trainings in targeted areas. This course will provide Workforce Investment Act eligible participants with an introduction to wastewater treatment plant operations and processes. It will include the study of wastewater terminology, current methods of wastewater treatment--including primary, secondary and advanced wastewater quality—and basic wastewater mathematics will also be covered.

Merced College instructors will provide 15 Students a four-week, 54 hour, 3 unit course that upon completion will prepare individuals to test for a State certification.

ATTACHMENT(S): None