

**TO: Workforce Investment Board (WIB)**

**DATE: 11/18/10**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Discussion**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**SUBJECT: Merced County EDC Green Jobs Initiative and Agreement**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Approval of the Green Jobs Initiative and Agreement with the Merced County Economic Development Corporation (Merced County EDC).**

**DISCUSSION: Since numerous entities in Merced County have mutual economic development interests that require collaboration and coordination, the Merced County EDC has provided an agreement to ensure that economic development programs, services, and associated activities throughout Merced County are effectively coordinated and executed.**

**Additionally, the Merced County EDC is compiling information for a resource guide. The information for the guide includes programs and services offered through the WIB, a contact person and website address.**

**ATTACHMENT(S): Merced County EDC Green Jobs Initiative and Agreement**

# GREEN JOBS INITIATIVE AND AGREEMENT

*By and Between*

MERCED COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

*and*

COUNTY OF MERCED

*and*

CITY OF ATWATER

*and*

CITY OF DOS PALOS

*and*

CITY OF GUSTINE

*and*

CITY OF LIVINGSTON

*and*

CITY OF LOS BANOS

*and*

CITY OF MERCED

*and*

MERCED COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*and*

ATWATER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*and*

DOS PALOS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*and*

GUSTINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*and*

LIVINGSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*and*

LOS BANOS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*and*

GREATER MERCED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*and*

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA MERCED

*and*

MERCED COMMUNITY COLLEGE

*and*

CONGRESSMAN CARDOZA

*and*

SENATOR ANTHONY CANNELLA

*and*

ASSEMBLYWOMEN GALGIANI

*and*

MERCED AHEAD- UNITED WAY OF MERCED

*and*

MERCED BOOSTERS

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF MERCED

*and*

MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

*and*

MERCED COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

*and*

MERCED COUNTY FARM BUEARU

*and*

MERCED COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

*and*

MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

*and*

CALIFORNIA PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

*and*

CENTRAL VALLEY BUSINESS INCUBATOR

*and*

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA FINANCE GROUP

*and*  
PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY  
*and*  
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER/ALLIANCE-UC MERCED  
*and*  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
*and*  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)  
*and*  
UNITED STATES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)

**This Green Jobs Initiative and Agreement entered into, the 9<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2010 by and among the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), and the agencies, organizations and units of government who agree to ensure that economic development programs, services, and associated activities throughout Merced County are effectively coordinated and executed.**

**WHEREAS**, the parties participating in this Green Jobs Initiative and Agreement represent diverse organizations having mutual economic development interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties recognize that successful economic development activities require collaboration and coordination of services and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, each party to this agreement offers unique and different services and programs associated with economic vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties agree that such services and programs are in the public interest and similarly improve and promote the public health, welfare, and safety of our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to establish a general collaborative framework for the promotion and development of green jobs, that will result in sustaining activities that will build a vibrant economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties, in an effort to maximize limited resources for economic development, acknowledge the following services and programs offered by each listed agency, government or organization as follows:

**Example statement of services: please list your services and programs on the form below and fax or email back to the EDC by November 30, 2010.**

## **Example**

- **Economic Development Corporation** is operated as a 501 (c) (4) nonprofit under contract with several government agencies to implement economic development related services that promote the vitality of the economy for Merced County. The EDC is charged with three primary missions.

**Program:**        **Business Retention, Expansion, Attraction and Formation**

**Services:**        Retain the existing employer base  
                          Expand and diversify the existing employer base

Attract new employers to the area

Assist in the development of new start-up business ventures

Special projects grants and funding to support communities of Merced County

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Enter your organizations name, role, and responsibilities you would like listed in our resource guide.

- **Workforce Investment Board of Merced County (Merced WIB)** provides oversight of Worknet of Merced County Employment Resource Centers and related activities under the Workforce Investment Act. The Merced WIB serves as the convener and facilitator for influencing policy and standards relating to the workforce development system to ensure that Merced County remains a growing and prosperous community

**Program:** **Enterprise Zone Vouchering for Businesses, Tax Credit Information, skill-sets increase for Job Seekers and Incumbent Workers, Workforce Preparation, Customized Training for Employers**

**Services:** Enterprise Zone Vouchering  
Tax Credit Information (Work Opportunity Tax Credit)  
Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act  
Skills Assessment of current and potential employees  
Business Solutions Website ([www.mcbizhelp.com](http://www.mcbizhelp.com))  
Comprehensive programs for employment and life skills for youth and adults  
Lists employment openings  
Assists employers in recruitment efforts including Job Fairs  
Assists employers with Business Retention and Expansion efforts

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