

TO: Executive Committee

DATE: 12/07/09

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

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For Discussion

SUBJECT: Virtual One-Stop Subscription – Geographic Solutions

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Recommend contract with Geographic Solutions for a Virtual One-Stop subscription (VOS) to provide an electronic case management system and job spidering tool for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, at a cost not to exceed \$62,200, and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

DISCUSSION: This internet-based subscription provides universal access to online services for individuals seeking jobs, training, resume information and other program information. The subscription also offers unique tools for employers looking to recruit talent and assess the labor market. The VOS subscription is specifically designed to provide services for staff and One-Stop operators, automating the case management flow and increasing efficiency when providing assistance to businesses and jobseekers. Key features include core and intensive services including unique access to reporting features (used for Workforce Investment Board and State reporting), which increases the amount of information needed for improvements of service delivery and ensures performance is being met by Workforce Investment.

Neighboring counties including Madera County and the Mother Lode Consortium utilize the VOS system. Using the same system will ensure a smooth transition for Merced County residents that are co-enrolled in regional projects across these counties. Approval to utilize a Request for Proposal (RFP) let by the County of Santa Barbara in July 2009 has been secured in order to satisfy the competitive RFP process needed to secure the VOS subscription. Additionally, VOS provides current State Labor Market Information (LMI) data, and has job spidering integrated for LMI as well as jobseekers.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A