

TO: Executive Committee

DATE: 12/07/09

FROM: WIB Staff

For Action

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For Discussion

SUBJECT: Regional Cluster(s) of Opportunity Grant Proposal

PROPOSED MOTION(S): For Information Only.

DISCUSSION: A grant proposal has been submitted by the Central California Workforce Collaborative (CCWC—a 14 county partnership) to the California Workforce Investment Board. The counties involved in the collaborative are Amador, Calaveras, Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare and Tuolumne.

The Central Region Center of Excellence has conducted a foundational Regional Cluster of Opportunity study of the region. Building on this research, the grant will provide resources to focus specifically on the Healthcare Industry Cluster to drill down and provide the data driven analysis required to effect positive change in the industry. The CCWC will contract with the Central Region Center of Excellence to conduct more in-depth clusters of opportunity analysis for the region with a focus on healthcare.

The grant amount is \$250,000 with matching funds of \$150,000. The grant will end in the first half of the 2011 calendar year.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A