

**TO: QUED**

**DATE: 12/09/09**

**FROM: WIB Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: California New Start Prison to Employment Sub – Grant Update**

**PROPOSED OUTCOME(S): For Information Only**

**DISCUSSION: On, July 16, 2009 the Merced County Department of Workforce Investment was a sub recipient of state funding in the amount of \$40,109.00 with contract period beginning 6/30/09 and ending 6/30/10. Future funding was contingent upon the availability of federal funding.**

**Since that time a paper was submitted to CDCR (California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation) on October 23, 2009 detailing how funding would be utilized to serve parolees. On, November 18, 2009 Merced County Department of WI received a modification adding additional funds in the amount of \$60,499.00 period beginning 10-01-09 and ending 09/30/10.**

**The purpose of these funds is to enhance employability of parolees and their access to employment opportunities. These funds are intended to improve the vocational aptitude of offenders while in custody and increase the likelihood of them securing employment upon release from prison. In addition, California New Start will be vital in reducing prisoner recidivism and improving parolee reintegration by providing employment opportunities.**

**ATTACHMENT(S): N/A**