

**TO: Youth Council**

**DATE: 10/20/10**

**FROM: Youth Council Staff**

**For Discussion**

**For Action**

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**SUBJECT: 2011 WIA Youth Programs Request for Proposal (RFP) and Ad-hoc RFP Evaluation Committee**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): The Youth Council**

- **recommends to the Workforce Investment Board a request for a new RFP for the WIA In-School and Out-of School Youth Programs**
- **recommends to create a five member ad-hoc RFP Evaluation Committee with the three volunteer members becoming members of the ad-hoc Evaluation Committee (Robert Bittner, John Fowler, and Nellie McGarry)**

**DISCUSSION: An RFP for both In-School and Out-of School Youth programs is scheduled to be let in the spring of 2011. The duties and membership requirements of the youth council are described in Section 117(h) of the Workforce Investment Act and 20 CFR 661.335 and 661.340 found in the Final Rule.**

**The duties include:**

**The purpose of the youth council is to provide expertise in youth policy and to assist the Local Board in:**

- 1. Developing and recommending local youth employment and training policy and practice**
- 2. Broadening the youth employment and training focus in the community to incorporate a youth development perspective**
- 3. Establishing linkages with other organizations serving youth in the local area**
- 4. Taking into account a range of issues that can have an impact on the success of youth in the labor market**

**On August 18, 2010 an ad-hoc Evaluation Committee for Best Practices (BP) was created to research best practices, youth models, services, and programs. The members that volunteered were recommended to be part of the RFP Evaluation committee. It is recommended by the BP Committee that two additional members be selected for added support.**

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

**Discussion Continued:**

**The County procurement procedures require that competition be re-established after a period of time. More specifically, a contract should be renewed after its initial year with not more than two extensions. The In-School and Out-of-School contract was awarded to Merced County Office of Education (RFP 6300) in 2008.**