

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Alliance Worknet

BOARD AGENDA # B-6

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE May 15, 2007

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval for the Alliance Worknet to accept Governors 15% discretionary funds on behalf of the Central California Workforce Collaborative.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the acceptance from the Governors discretionary (Workforce Investment Act 15%) funds to support the strategies of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Initiative.
2. Approve the Alliance Worknet to serve as fiscal agent of the Governors discretionary funds (Workforce Investment Act 15%) on behalf of the eight county regional Workforce Investment Board Collaborative (Fresno, Kern/Inyo/Mono, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare).

FISCAL IMPACT:

The project is funded with the Governors discretionary (Workforce Investment Act 15%) funds. The funding amount of \$1,000,000 will be used to support nine higher education and workforce development objectives throughout the Central Valley region. Approval of this item will have no impact on the County General Fund.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2007-370

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Grover
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Grover, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman O'Brien
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) Approved as recommended
- 2) Denied
- 3) Approved as amended
- 4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:


CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

Economic vitality cannot be achieved without major emphasis on development of the current and emerging workforce, which requires strategies for higher education and job training that align with the needs of business.

A skilled workforce is the cornerstone of competitiveness in today's economy. In this economy, regions prosper if their workers have honed their intellectual and technical skills and are capable of being employed in the knowledge-based, information-intensive jobs that are driving the "new economy." Regions that are successful in developing a workforce that can support the demand from industry will advance, while less competitive regions will continue to fall behind.

To ensure that our region is in the fore-front, the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley goal will be to focus on creating a demand-driven workforce investment system that supports the following target clusters: 1) Agribusiness, including Food Processing, Agricultural Technology, and Biotechnology; 2) Manufacturing; 3) Supply Chain Management and Logistics; 4) Health and Medical Care; and 5) Renewable Energy.

To support the demand-driven system, the Workforce and Higher Education Committee of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley established nine objectives:

1. Align workforce development resources to support target industry clusters.
2. Conduct an occupational analysis of key jobs in target industries.
3. Develop a web-based inventory of training programs and conduct a "gap analysis".
4. Implement a region-wide business intelligence tool.
5. Create a "just in time" training voucher fund.
6. Address workforce supply on a regional basis.
7. Align vocational and career technical education with target industries.
8. Establish the San Joaquin Valley Workforce Consortium.
9. Align the efforts of the San Joaquin Valley's Economic Development Corporations, the Central Valley Workforce Collaborative and the California Community College Central Region Consortium.

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In the effort to accomplish these objectives, a regional collaborative of Workforce Development Directors submitted an application and was approved for a grant from the State of California Workforce Investment Act Governor's 15% Discretionary Funds. The Stanislaus County Alliance Worknet was elected by the collaborative to act as grant recipient and fiscal agent for these funds.

The Alliance Worknet and its regional partners are committed to collaborating and coordinating activities that focus on preparing the workforce to support targeted industry clusters through the development of relevant programs in all levels of the education and training system. As the grant recipient for the region, the Alliance Worknet will take the lead in assuring that the above nine objectives are realized.

POLICY ISSUES:

The Board is asked to determine if approval of these recommendations will support the Board of Supervisors' goals and priorities for a strong local economy and effective partnerships.

STAFFING IMPACTS:

There are no staffing impacts associated with this item.