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Alliance Worknet Announces Changes

Stanislaus County, CA – On January 13, 2016 the Executive Committee of the Stanislaus County Workforce Investment Board took action to procure out all the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) employment services that are currently being performed by the Alliance Worknet county staff. This action was taken to keep the County in compliance with WIOA which contains a mandatory procurement clause. The WIOA requires that cities, counties and designated workforce development areas must be in full compliance of WIOA by July 1, 2017 with 2016 being a transition year to full compliance.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act was signed into law in 2014, replacing the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998. WIOA was created to give state and local areas the flexibility to collaborate across other workforce and educational systems in an effort to better address the employment and skills needs of current employees, job seekers and employers. WIOA was written to further the engagement of the private sector to lead local workforce development issues.

The Executive Committee of the Workforce Investment Board also adopted a new organizational structure that changes the relationship between the County's Alliance Worknet and the Stanislaus County Business Alliance. This new organizational structure consists of a new Workforce Development Board, which will be smaller than the current Workforce Investment Board, will be contracting with the County for administrative support and oversee the procurement of employment services to residents. The Business Alliance will no longer be reporting to the Workforce Investment Board as of June 30, 2016 and will be focusing on initiatives that are part of their Opportunity Stanislaus campaign. The County will be working to place County employees, whom currently deliver employment services to residents of Stanislaus County, with other County departments.

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