



WORKFORCESOLUTIONS GREATER DALLAS

AMENDED
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President's Briefing—Item B Authorization of Contracts, Partnerships and Agreements

I. PY09 (July 1, 2009—June 30, 2010) Workforce Investment Act

National planning figures have recently been released with a 10% reduction in WIA Adult and Youth funding. The Texas Workforce Commission has not released the local workforce board allocations as of today, however it is necessary to provide contract dollars to the youth contractors.

- Arbor Education and Training

Arbor Education and Training submitted a budget for **\$4,149,886.00** to serve 2,200 new and existing youth customers. Youth will be provided year-round youth services to include: work experience, GED/ESL, Microsoft Office certifications, tutoring/mentoring, and occupational skills training for the period of July 1, 2009—June 30, 2010. This amount will include an additional 4 weeks of work experience at \$7.25/hour. **Not to exceed \$2,841,522.00.**

- Gulf Coast Trades Center

Gulf Coast Trades Center submitted a budget for **\$364,420.00** to serve 20 adjudicated youth customers. This is a residential program offering customers vocational training programs, work experience, HS/GED, and counseling services for the period of July 1, 2009—June 30, 2010. **Not to exceed \$317,346.00.**

- Dallas County Community College District, Richland College

Richland College submitted a budget for **\$1,699,117.00** to serve 395 new and existing youth customers. Youth will be provided year-round youth services to include: college bound skills preparation training, GED, occupational skills training, specialized Manufacturing work experience program for the period of July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010. **Not to exceed \$978,405.00.**

- ChildCareGroup—\$300,000.00 to cover day care costs for WIA customers.

RECOMMENDATION: Board authorization to accept the proposals from existing youth contractors for extensive negotiation and probable reduction. Upon receipt of grant awards, final contracts will be negotiated to expend youth resources and maximize service levels. Final negotiated contracts will be returned for board ratification in June.

II. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

We are expecting competitive responses to procurement for various services on May 14. Formal evaluation and recommendations will be presented in a hand-out at the Board meeting.

- Arbor Education and Training

Arbor submitted a budget to reimburse their company for having conducted participant outreach and eligibility determination for the Summer Youth Employment Program totaling **\$343,531.00.**

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends negotiations with Arbor to restructure the existing WIA youth budget and add a proportionate share of ARRA funds to cover necessary and reasonable costs.