



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

I. Texas Back-to-Work Initiative

In February 2010, the Board authorized an amendment to the ARBOR E&T contract for an amount not to exceed \$302,906 to provide services under the Texas Back to Work (TBTW) Initiative including employer incentives funded by Texas General Revenue funds. In April, an additional allocation was received and staff recommends amending the ARBOR E&T contract as shown below:

Funding Source	# to be Served	# Enrolled as of 6-7-10	Total Grant Award	Direct Program (Employer Incentives)	ARBOR E&T Administration & Operations	Total ARBOR Contract Amount
General Revenue	266	182	\$585,958	\$556,660	\$23,438	\$580,098
TWC Incremental Award was \$318,948			\$290,148	\$12,758		\$302,906
Recommended ARBOR amendment			\$266,512	\$10,680		\$205,192

On May 25, 2010, the Texas Workforce Commission issued a contract for a total of **\$6,160,000** in Recovery Act of 2009 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Funds (ECF) to provide TBTW services. The contract stipulates that administration and operations funds are limited to 10% and reimbursement is contingent upon expending the proportional amount of direct program funds. Failure to spend employer incentives will preclude the contractor's ability to be reimbursed for operating expenses. Because of the unusual budget requirements and the program implementation challenges experienced thus far, staff recommends an incremental award as outlined in the following chart:

Funding Source	# to be Served	# Enrolled as of 6-7-10	Direct Program (Employer Incentives)	ARBOR E&T Administration & Operations	Total ARBOR Contract Amount
TANF -	500	27	1,000,000	70,000	1,070,000
Incremental	1,000		2,000,000	140,000	2,140,000
Contract	1,500		3,000,000	210,000	3,210,000
Amounts	2,000		4,000,000	280,000	4,280,000
	2,800		\$5,600,000	\$392,000	\$5,992,000

RECOMMENDATION: Board authorization to amend the ARBOR E&T contract to include, approximately, **\$205,192** in Texas General Revenue Funds. Board authorization to amend the ARBOR E&T contract to include, approximately, **\$5,992,000** in Recovery Act TANF Emergency Contingency funds to include admin & ops limitations identified above. All amendments will be for services through September 30, 2011 and will be retroactive to the date grant funds were received by the Board.

II. TANF Summer

The Texas Workforce Commission released contracts on Friday for the TANF Summer program at 77.6% of the total grant available with the remaining dollars available based on determination of continued need. A minor change that will be reflected within the contracts is how the administrative/program operations amounts are earned. The amounts earned are based on the wages paid to the summer youth. Assumption (\$8.00/hour for 30 hours/week for 9 weeks for 3,000).

Contractor – Number Served	Admin/Operation Budget		Wages		Total Grant Award	Grant Funds Available at 77.6%
Arbor Education and Training – 2,560	\$1,102,370*	12.79%	\$0	0%	\$1,102,370	\$855,439
Urban League - 120	\$51,714*	.6%	\$0	0%	\$51,714	\$40,130
Richland College - 320	\$138,766*	1.61%	\$0	0%	\$138,766	\$107,682
Unique – 3,000	\$287,875*	3.34%	\$6,464,250	75%	\$6,752,125	\$5,239,649
Administration (Monitors, IT, etc)	\$574,025*	6.66%	\$0	0%	\$574,025	\$445,443
Total	\$2,154,750*	25%	\$6,464,250	75%	\$8,619,000	\$6,688,344

**This is assuming planned numbers served.*

RECOMMENDATION: Board authorization to negotiate and contract with the entities listed above at cost not to exceed the proposed totals. Total grant funds will be awarded upon receipt of funds from the Texas Workforce Commission.

III. Arbor Education and Training LLC

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) grants begins every year on July 1st. We have officially received the WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker grants from the State; however, we have only received one quarter of the funds. We are currently in negotiation with Arbor Education and Training to determine necessary operation and training costs to sustain them through September 30th. All unexpended Arbor June 30, 2010 contract dollars would be converted to ITA and support service funds to serve more customers. Based on a review of current operations, ITA expenditures and ITA carryover amounts, staff recommends the following:

	Operations	ITAs carry over and new	Transportation & Support Services	Total
WIA Adult	\$450,000	\$17,000	\$256,236	\$734,736
WIA DW	\$450,000	\$33,000	\$972,302	\$1,530,302

RECOMMENDATION: Board authorization to negotiate with Arbor Education and Training at costs not to exceed amounts indicated above for the months of July – September 2010.

IV. ARRA DCCCD Class-sized Contract

On June 30, 2010, the DCCCD ARRA Class-sized Contract ends. Staff recommends to renegotiate and extend the Dallas County Community College District to fully spend the existing class-sized contract.

RECOMMENDATION: Board authorization to renegotiate and extend the Dallas County Community College District's class-sized contract through September 30, 2010.

V. ARRA Adult Funds

Currently, all contracts end on July 31st for the City's Green Jobs Initiative. Staff recommends negotiating with Executive Focus and Green Jobs partners to extend their contracts for an additional month and add funds as available.

RECOMMENDATION: Board authorization to extend contracts with Executive Focus and Green Jobs partners for an additional month and add funds as available.