



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEM: 1.2

SUBMITTAL DATE: May 22, 2013

SUBJECT: Pre-qualified Vendor List and Voucher System for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Individual Training Accounts.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Committee approves:

- 1) The implementation of a voucher system for the management of the Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Individual Training Accounts (ITAs)
- 2) A pre-qualified vendor list inclusive of all training providers listed on the California Employment Development Department Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) and all public education institution including universities, university extension programs, community colleges, career technical education, regional occupation programs, adult education or any institution providing similar training and education services.

BACKGROUND: Staff proposes to implement a voucher system as the method to provide Individual Training Accounts to WIA adults, dislocated workers and youth. The proposed ITA voucher system will replace the current system of having a contract with each training provider. The voucher system will allow customers to choose their training program and provider from the State Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL), as well as from any public institution including universities, colleges, university extension programs, Career Technical Education, Regional Occupational Programs, Adult Education or any institution providing similar services.

The ETPL was established in compliance with the WIA of 1998. The State is required to develop and operate the ETPL in partnership with Local Workforce Investment Boards (LWIBs) and is designed to gather and display useful information on training providers, their services, and the quality of their programs. All training programs and providers listed on the ETPL are eligible to receive WIA Title I-B funds. Utilizing the ETPL List will maximize customer choice and streamline the service delivery process while minimizing duplication of efforts by staff.

Job Seekers will be provided labor market information to assist them in making their training vendor selection and training selections will be limited to those six industries identified by the WIB as high demand, high growth or high wage. These industries include: Healthcare; Renewable Energy; Utilities; Professional and Business Services; Infrastructure; and Logistics.

Staff is further proposing a training cap of \$8,000 per ITA. The voucher will be predicated on the tuition rates that are most currently published up to the approved training cap of \$8,000. This cap may be adjusted by the Director of Workforce Development on an individual basis or system wide as necessary.

<p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</p> <p>Date May 22, 2013 Approval: Yes/No</p>	<p>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE</p> <p><i>YES: INDICATES ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS (FED, STATE, LOCAL) OR AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICES WHERE EDA IS RECEIVING FUNDS, OR ANY ACTION THAT REQUIRES BOS APPROVAL.</i></p> <p>Required: Yes</p>
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