

**GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD-RI
WORKFORCE EXPANSION COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 11, 2007**

MINUTES

Members Present: Joe Bianco, Maureen Palumbo, Sharon Petrarca, Connie Parks
Staff Present: Nancy Olson, Marsha McDowell
Guest Present: Paul Harden

With a quorum present, N. Olson called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Paul Harden presented the three Economic Development Corporation's grant requests. The first request was from PFPC, in Pawtucket, Division of PNC Bank. PFPC started off as American Express. The company does mutual fund servicing. These services include a call-center and other recordkeeping services for their clients. New employees are trained in types of mutual funds, industry terminology, types of transactions and SEC legal requirements etc. The company will hire and train 30 Investor Service Specialists at a rate of pay of \$12.40 per hour. The company is requesting \$19,149. The EDC staff recommendation is for \$19,149.

A motion was entered to approve the EDC staff recommendation of \$19,149. To be awarded to PFPC.

VOTE: S. Petrarca moved to approve, seconded by M. Palumbo. All approved.

Electric Boat Corporation's Quonset Point Facility grant request was presented. The industry is submarine fabrication. The company will hire 125 employees as Welders, Shipfitters, Pipefitters, and Marine electricians at a rate of pay to start at \$11.10 per hour. These employees will replace those who have retired. The company is requesting \$80,186. The EDC staff recommendation is for \$80,186.

A motion was entered to approve the EDC staff recommendation of \$80,186. to be awarded to Electric Boat Corporation Quonset Point Facility.

VOTE: J. Bianco moved to approve, seconded by S. Petrarca. All approved.

Belmont Market's grant request, at Narragansett Pier was presented. They are a high-end grocery and gourmet specialty food market. The market will hire 10 people as Store Managers, Department Managers for the Deli, Bakery, Produce, Floral, and prepared foods at a starting rate of \$12.00 and up and \$15.00 plus per hour upon completion of training. The market is requesting \$47,800. The EDC Staff recommendation was to let the Workforce Expansion Committee decide the funding amount at this meeting.

While the Workforce Expansion Committee has not traditionally funded retail type training, the guidelines do not specifically prohibit this type of training. It was mentioned that the market carries local products and supports local businesses and the wages are high.

A motion was entered to approve the grant request not to exceed \$24,000 to be awarded to Belmont Market.

VOTE: S. Petrarca moved to approve, seconded by M. Palumbo. All approved.

A motion was entered to approve the September 27, 2006 minutes of the Workforce Expansion Committee meeting.

VOTE: S. Petrarca moved to approve, seconded by J. Bianco. All approved.

A motion was entered to approve the November 29, 2006 minutes of the Workforce Expansion Committee meeting.

VOTE: J. Bianco moved to approve, seconded by M. Palumbo. All approved.

In closing, P. Harden announced that Ryla Teleservices had been sold to G-Tech Industries so their funds will be de-obligated.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha McDowell