



Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, May 15, 2008

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

**RI Department of Labor & Training
1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI**

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome and Call to Order | J. MarcAurele |
| 2. Introductions | J. MarcAurele |
| 3. Approve Minutes of 4/17/08 | J. MarcAurele |
| 4. Chairman's Comments | J. MarcAurele |
| 5. Director's Report | M. Koback |
| 6. Consent Agenda (Items 1-4)
A board member may request that any item be removed
from the consent agenda and moved to the regular agenda. | M. Koback |
| 7. Committee Reports | Chairs |
| 8. Hope Global Presentation | Cheryl Merchant |
| 9. Old / New Business | |
| 10. Adjournment | |

**NEXT MEETING – ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, June 26, 2008
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

MAY 15, 2008 MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

(Detailed Information Follows as Appropriate)

Items 1- 4

Item 1: Approve WIA Consent Agenda

Four Workforce Investment Notices listed for Program Year '07 were issued subsequent to the board meeting on April 17, 2008. The Planning and Evaluation Committee reviewed the issuances at its May 8th meeting and recommends approval by the board. Hyperlinks to detailed information are provided on the following WIA Consent Agenda.

Item 2: Industry Partnership Grants

At the May 13, 2008 Strategic Investments Committee meeting, members voted to approve an allocation of \$600,000 for year-two grants for four industry partnerships: RI Hospitality Association (Hospitality and Tourism), RI Manufacturing Extension Services (Manufacturing), International Yacht Restoration School (Marine Trades) and the Providence Plan (Construction). Pending successful negotiations, each partnership will be granted up to \$150,000 each.

Item 3: At the May 13, 2008 Strategic Investments Committee meeting, members reviewed and discussed the preliminary budget projections for Fiscal Year 2009 beginning July 1st and recommended

Item 4: At the April 7, 2008 Strategic Investments Committee meeting, members approved the request by the Youth Development Committee to award \$3,000,000 of Fiscal Year 2009 funds to the Department of Labor and Training to continue the expansion and delivery of youth services by the local WIBs and the Department.

ITEM 1 – WIA CONSENT AGENDA

WIA POLICY ISSUANCES

Background: The US Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration (USDOL, ETA) requires that the WIA Statute and Regulations be implemented by the issuance of State Policy by the Governor. USDOL, ETA, from time to time, issues changes in policy impacting the administration of the Workforce Investment Programs in Rhode Island. These issuances are called Training and Employment Guidance Letters (TEGLs) and require that changes in State policy be implemented to conform to changes in federal policy and communicated to the workforce development system. In addition, these communications now include policy issuances for initiatives funded by the Governor’s Workforce Board’s Job Development Fund when appropriate.

REFERENCES: [All WIA Policy Issuances 1999-2007](#)

New Workforce Investment Notices

WIN NOTICE #	DATE	SUBJECT
07-14	2/6/08	Use of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Funds for Workforce Development Activities in Support of Economic Development This issuance highlights workforce investment activities allowable under WIA in support of talent development and to provide guidance on allowable activities and prohibitions related to economic development.
07-16	4/11/08	Allocation Percentages for Dislocated Worker Program for PY 2008 This issuance provides allocation percentages to the local WIBS for Dislocated Worker programs for PY 2008 from the Workforce Investment Act Fund.
07-17	5/1/08	Changes in Adult and Dislocated Worker Funds for FY 2007 This issuance provides guidance on ETA plans to de-obligate Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs formula funds for Program Year (PY) 2006 as required by the Department of Labor (DOL).
07-18	5/2/08	Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) & Self-Sufficiency Guidelines for 2008 This issuance transmits the 2008 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) and Self-Sufficiency Guidelines. The LLSIL guidelines below are used to determine eligibility based on family income for youth and for “priority of service” adults. The Self-Sufficiency Guidelines are used to determine eligibility based on a lack of a self-sufficient wage for employed individuals.

CONSIDERATION: The policies listed for PY '07 above were issued pursuant to federal and GWB policy as appropriate.

POSSIBLE ACTION: Review and approval of policy issuances.