

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



ACTION ITEM: #1.6

SUBMITTAL DATE: June 26, 2017

SUBJECT: Regional Organizer

RECOMMENDATION: That the Workforce Development Board (WDB) Executive Committee approve the recommendation submitted by Economic Development Agency/Workforce Development Division (EDA/WDD) executive management to award an agreement to San Bernardino County Workforce Development Department (SBWDD) to work with EDA/WDD staff and the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) staff to deepen regional coalition and workforce/education/economic development partnership building, engage employers as full partners in the workforce system, and support the implementation of the SlingShot Compact in the Inland Empire Regional Planning Unit (IERPU). The agreement is valid from July 1, 2017 through March 31, 2019, with the WDB’s annual approval of subsequent agreements based upon continued Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding and contractor performance.

BACKGROUND: In March 2017, CWDB released FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT REGIONAL STAFF CAPACITY AND REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION & INNOVATION: Regional Organizing Function. EDA/WDD’s proposal was successful and was awarded \$85,714 from the WIOA 15% Governor’s Discretionary fund. As the IERPU consists of two entities, and given the regional activities of the proposal, the proposed budget delineates that program funds will be shared between the two counties of the IERPU.

The two Workforce Development Boards of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties comprise one of the State of California’s designated regional planning units. EDA/WDD through the WDB participates in an on-going Regional Partnership with SBWDD, through its WDB. Both Riverside and San Bernardino WDBs are identified collectively as the Inland Empire Regional Planning Unit (IERPU) and will benefit from the regional approach of designating a regional organizer(s) to coordinate strategic planning efforts in the region.

To support the State Plan goal of State and Regional Workforce System Alignment, the Inland Empire Regional Planning Unit (IERPU) will involve the efforts of a Regional Organizer. The two WDBs of the IERPU created a vision statement for the region to set the strategic direction for planning and implementation of the regional plan: the workforce development vision for the Inland Empire is a reinvented regional system that engages business and industry in identifying high quality jobs and designing training programs to prepare a competitive workforce. The IERPU partners will prepare the workforce by ensuring that services address barriers to employment and promote educational attainment to create pathways from dependency to prosperity. With an established history of collaboration, the two WDBs embrace the heart of the vision by creating a regional workforce system through programs and services that are coordinated, aligned and integrated. The IERPU will be an improved system that moves the needle throughout the region.

Proposed Contractor	Scope of Work	Total Cost
San Bernardino Workforce Development Department	The scope of work for Regional Organizing builds on the efforts of the SlingShot Coalitions that are operational in twelve regional planning units. In the IERPU, the Regional Organizer will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the State Board staff to deepen the regional coalition and workforce/education/economic development partnership building, engage employers as full partners in the 	\$42,857

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	<p>workforce system, and support the implementation of the SlingShot Compacts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the State Board to engage the workforce, business, labor, education and economic development partners to encourage and support industry engagement, system alignment, and collaboration across the workforce development system. • Support efforts to organize regionally by building on SlingShot coalition compacts, the IERPU WIOA Regional Plan, engage employers as leaders and champions, and enhance and improve the services provided through the local America’s Job Center of California (AJCC) system. 	
<p>TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED</p>		<p>\$42,857</p>

<p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</p> <p>Date: June 26, 2017 Approval: Yes/No</p>	<p>BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE YES: INDICATES ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS (FED, STATE, LOCAL) OR AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICES WHERE EDA IS RECEIVING FUNDS, OR ANY ACTION THAT REQUIRES BOS APPROVAL. Required: Yes July 25, 2017</p>
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