

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



ACTION ITEM #1.4

SUBMITTAL DATE: August 19, 2009

SUBJECT: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funding Recommendations for Basic Skills Remediation, General Equivalency Diploma (GED) Preparation and English as a Second Language (ESL) Services

RECOMMENDATION: That the Riverside County Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee approve the WIA ARRA funding in the amount of \$498,000 to provide Basic Skills Remediation, GED Preparation and ESL services during Program Years 2009/10 and 2010/11.

BACKGROUND:

On July 6, 2009, a Request for Proposal (RFP) was released to solicit competitive proposals from educational entities capable of providing Basic Skills Remediation, GED Preparation and ESL instruction for WIA customers. These services will allow basic skill deficient, school drop-out and/or monolingual individuals to develop their reading, writing and mathematical skills to compete in today's distressed labor market.

Thirteen (13) bidders responded to the RFP. Of the thirteen (13) proposals received, the following four (4) bidders were found to be most responsive in the delivery of innovative instructor-led teaching strategies and experienced in working with WIA customers. Services will be provided in the geographic areas of the Workforce Development Centers. The Final Scope of Service will be determined at time of contract negotiations.

Successful bidders and funding recommendations are as follows:

| Service Provider | Recommended Funding |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Coachella Valley Adult School | \$172,500 |
| Corona/Norco Adult School | \$ 75,000 |
| Hemet Adult School | \$111,000 |
| Riverside Adult School | \$139,500 |
| Total: | \$498,000 |

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| EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Date: August 19, 2009 Approval: Yes/No | BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE Required: Yes/No |
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