

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



ACTION ITEM #1.3

SUBMITTAL DATE: October 21, 2009

SUBJECT: WIA Title I American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding recommendation for IBEW Residential Apprenticeship Training services in PY 2009/11

RECOMMENDATION: That the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Committee approve the PY 2009/11 recommendation to fund \$416,510 in WIA/ARRA funds to International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local Union 440 for residential apprenticeship training services.

BACKGROUND:

Through the combined effort of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 440 (IBEW), and Workforce Development Division (WDD), a 3-year residential apprenticeship program will be offered to provide Workforce Development participants with the skills and experience necessary to become Qualified and Certified Residential Electricians throughout Riverside County. The apprenticeship program will emphasize the use and application of green technology in the residential industry and will be supported by the WIB through June 2011. Thereafter, funds generated from the contributions of local developers and contractors will support the program in its final year and beyond.

The program will ensure that all participants performing work as electricians for specified contractors will be in compliance with certification standards established by the Division of Apprenticeship Standards within the Department of Industrial Relations and outlined in Senate Bill 1362.

The residential apprenticeship program will support and strengthen our workforce development system by delivering the following services:

- Assist in the implementation of our American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) local plan to stimulate economic recovery
- Create local area hire standards for the residential electric industry
- Enhance the collaboration between the Workforce Investment Board, Developers, Contractors, and Community Colleges

Participants in the residential apprenticeship program will fulfill on-the-job hours required for certification during the day and attend instructor-led classroom training in the evening.

The IBEW apprenticeship program will provide instruction, supplies and fees for a total of 90 WDC participants from the Western, Eastern and Mid-County regions. The total cost of the 2009/11 portion of the apprenticeship program is \$534,510. The funding recommendation represents the WIB's contribution of \$416,510 with the IBEW match contribution of \$118,000.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Date: Approval: Yes/No	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONCURRENCE Required: Yes/No
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