Workforce Development Board
Wednesday, December 8, 2021 @ 8:30am

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Call to Order/Welcome

Non-agenda public comment

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Committee Member Announcements

Adjournment

Next Meeting:
Workforce Development Board-Executive Committee
March 2, 2022 @8:30 am

Workforce Development Board
March 30, 2022 @8:30 am

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Action Item 1: Findings Authorizing Teleconference Meetings
(Action required)

**Recommendation**
Adopt findings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 authorizing teleconference meetings as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency and Health Officer recommendation for social distancing.

**Background**
New State law adopted by the Legislature and signed by Governor Newsom (AB 361) allows local agencies to continue to meet by teleconference and internet platform as long as a state of emergency exists and local or state authorities have recommended social distancing measures. In a related provision, the legislative body, by a majority vote, can take action to meet via teleconference in order to avoid meeting in person and therefore reduce imminent risks to the health and safety of members of the public. If a legislative body continues to meet via teleconference, it must take action to renew this declaration every 30 days.

**Suggested motion**
I move to adopt findings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 authorizing teleconference meetings as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic State of Emergency and Health Officer recommendation for social distancing.
WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Workforce Development Board is a legislative body under the Brown Act as defined under Cal. Gov. Code section 54952(b) and Santa Cruz County Code Section 2.38.110; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (“AB 361”), urgency legislation effective immediately, that amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(1)(A), a legislative body may meet under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency, and where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to AB 361 and Cal. Gov. Code section 54953(e)(3), within 30 days of the date the legislative body first holding a teleconferenced meeting under the modified rules, and every 30 days thereafter, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings provided it has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2021, the Santa Cruz County Workforce Development Board intends to hold its initial teleconference meeting under AB 361; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Workforce Development Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of
members of the public to participate safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, and due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, the Santa Cruz County Workforce Development Board deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Santa Cruz County Workforce Development Board makes the following findings by a majority vote:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, and adopted as findings of the Santa Cruz County Workforce Development Board.

Section 2. Effective immediately, and for the next 30 days, the Santa Cruz County Workforce Development Board will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

Section 3. No later than thirty (30) days from making today’s findings, or at the next scheduled meeting, the Santa Cruz County Workforce Development Board will reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, adopt subsequent findings to continue holding teleconference meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Workforce Development Board in Santa Cruz, State of California, this __8__ day of ___December____, 2021___, by the following vote:

AYES: 
NOES: 
ABSENT: 
ABSTAIN: 

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Chair, Santa Cruz County Workforce Development Board

ATTEST:________________________
Department Staff

Approved as to Form:

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Office of the County Counsel
Action Item 2: Approval of Meeting Minutes

(Recorded)

**Recommendation**
Approve the May 26, 2021 and November 10, 2021 (Special Meeting) WDB Full Board meeting minutes

**Suggested motion**
I move to approve the May 26, 2021 and November 10, 2021 (Special Meeting) WDB Full Board meeting minutes.
Chair Carol Siegel called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m., when a quorum of 17 members were present. All Board members, staff and guests attended the meeting virtually.

**Board Members in Attendance**
- Adams, Lamont
- Ayyad, Alia
- Cuevas, Christina
- De La Garza, MariaElena
- Delk, Marshall
- Destout, Elyse
- Dodge, Daniel
- Duckworth, Yuko
- Elliott, Candice
- Holmquist-Gomez, Laura
- Livingstone, Todd
- Morse, Rob – Vice Chair
- Orona, Elisa
- Setzler, Katie
- Siegel, Carol – Chair
- Vereker, Dustin

**Board Members Absent**
- Berry-Wahrer, Diane
- Hebard, Sean
- Herrera-Mansir, Carmen
- Miller, Chris
- Roth, Shaz
- Schaller, Glen

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the directive of Governor Gavin Newsom in adjusting the Brown Act rules, public meetings will be allowed to be attended virtually until further notice. A public meeting room was made available for this meeting, but all participants chose to attend virtually, via Microsoft Teams.
Staff in Attendance
Chevalier, Katy – EBSD Program Manager
Detlefs, Peter – WDB Business Services Manager
Gazza, Laurel – WDB Administrative Aide
Gray, Lacie – WDB Sr. Analyst
Montes, Josie – CWES Associate Analyst
Paz-Nethercutt, Sara – WDB Sr. Analyst
Spickler, Adam – CCU Analyst
Stone, Andy - WDB Director
Villalobos, Marcy – WDB Office Support

Guests
Aldrich, Joyce
Cortes, Claudia
Dubin, Victor – County of Santa Cruz, Human Services Department
Estrada, Vivian - EDD
Frasca, Lizbeth – Goodwill Central Coast
Mason, Shelby – Goodwill Central Coast
Munoz, Bea
Nagamine, Janet
Roman, Beatriz – Goodwill Central Coast
Stafford, Sven – Santa Cruz County, CAO
Staley-Raatior, Desha
Thompson, Valerie
Valdez, Karina – Goodwill Central Coast
Williams, Josh – BW Research
Winter, Amanda

Subject:  II. Public Comment

There was no public comment, however WDB Chair Carol Siegel asked guests to introduce themselves. Board members Yuko Duckworth announced that EDD is taking in person appointments and MariaElena De La Garza with the Community Action Board shared with the board that May is Community Action Month.

Subject:  III. Directors’ Report

WDB Director Andy Stone addressed the comings and goings of the WDB Board and staff for 2021. He mentioned that Carol Siegel would no longer be Chair for the WDB, but would still remain on the board.

Subject:  IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

C.1 – Approval of April 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes
C.2 – Data Dashboard
C.3 – Contractor Activity Reports PY 2020/21 Q2
C.4 – AJCC Hallmarks of Excellence Action Plans PY 2020/21 Q3
C.5 – WIOA Program Services Procurement PY 21-2025 timeline
C.6 – Local WIOA Monitoring Draft Reports, CCOPs, SBDC, GCC
C.7 – Proposed WDB Meeting Calendar PY 21/22
C.8 – WIOA Local Policy revisions
C.9 – AJCC Certification Baseline/Indicators

Action: It was moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Status: Motion to Approve: Marshall Delk
Motion Seconded: Rob Morse
Abstentions: None
Committee Action: All in favor, motion passed.

V. Presentation:

Josh Williams from BW Research Partnership gave a presentation on the current state of the workforce in Santa Cruz County.

Subject: VI. Discussion items:

D.1 WDB Staff Updates

WDB Sr. Analyst Sara Paz-Nethercutt reported on WIOA Career Services and provided details on the WIOA-CWES Co-enrollment Staff Training Event which trained over 50 County and contractor staff. Business Services Manager Peter Detlef gave an update on Business Services including the progress of the Career Services Webpage which he anticipates will be completed by the end of the year. EBSD Program Manager Katy Chevalier informed the Full Board on the Triple P online workshops that are available to CalWORKs program participants. WDB Sr. Analyst Lacie Gray gave an overview of Regional Projects and Grants.

Action: None, informational item only

D.2 Strategic Plan Report Update

WDB Director Andy Stone gave the latest updates on the three main Strategic Plan goals for Workforce Santa Cruz County.

Action: It was moved to accept the WDB Directors’ Operational Plan Update for PY 2020-21

Status: Motion to Approve: Rob Morse
D.3 WDB Officer Nominations PY 2021-22

WDB Director Andy Stone presented to the Full Board the list of proposed Officer candidates for PY 2021-22 which had been reviewed and approved at the May 5, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.

**Action:** It was moved to approve the proposed slate of 2021-22 officer candidates: Carol Siegel, Denise Moss, Dustin Vereker, Elyse Destout, Marshall Delk, and Rob Morse.

**Status:**
- **Motion to Approve:** Daniel Dodge
- **Motion Seconded:** Christina Cuevas
- **Abstentions:** None
- **Committee Action:** All in favor, motion passed.

D.4 WDB Member Recruitment Update

WDB Director Andy Stone recapped all of the WDB board member additions and mentioned that there was still a BOS or designee position open.

**Action:** It was moved to accept the WDB Member Recruitment update.

**Status:**
- **Motion to Approve:** Rob Morse
- **Motion Seconded:** Alia Ayyad
- **Abstentions:** None
- **Committee Action:** All in favor, motion passed.

D.5 Business Resources Network Updated

WDB Business Services Manager Peter Detlefs briefly updated the Full Board on the status of Business Resource Network (BRN) and reviewed the three approaches to the development of the BRN. On April 7, 20201 Business Services /CEDS Committee approved pursuing the development of a BRN, to serve as the Advisory Board, agreed to dedicate staff and resources to complete the agreed upon approach, and committed to the ongoing update and management of the program.

**Action:** It was moved to approve the update of the Business Resource Network.
Status: Motion to Approve: Marshall Delk
Motion Seconded: Todd Livingstone
Abstentions: None
Committee Action: All in favor, motion passed.

D.6 County Operational Plan Update

Sven Stafford from County of Santa Cruz County Administrative Office (CAO) gave a presentation on the County Operational Plan Update.

Action: None, informational item only

Chairperson’s Report: WDB Chair Carol Siegel thanked everyone and that she has appreciated her time as WDB Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Next Meeting: Executive Committee Meeting – Special Meeting
Friday, June 25, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m.
**Virtual**

Career Services Committee
Wednesday, July 28th, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.
**Virtual**
NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the directive of Governor Gavin Newsom in adjusting the Brown Act rules, public meetings will be allowed to be attended virtually until further notice. A public meeting room was made available for this meeting, but all participants chose to attend virtually, via Microsoft Teams.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m., and a quorum was established. All participants attended virtually.

Committee Members in Attendance
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Cuevas, Christina
De La Garza, MariaElena
Delk, Marshall
Destout, Elyse – Vice Chair
Dodge, Daniel
Duckworth, Yuko
Elliott, Candice
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Montes, Josie – CWES Associate Analyst
Paz-Nethercutt, Sara – WDB Sr. Analyst
Spickler, Adam – CCU Analyst
Stone, Andy – WDB Director
Villalobos, Marcy – WDB Clerical Support

MEMBERS:
Rob Morse, Chair
Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Elyse Destout, Vice Chair
Photography by Elyse Destout

Lamont Adams
Local IBEW234

Alia Ayyad
Center for Employment Training

Diane Berry-Wahrer
California Department of Rehabilitation

Christina Cuevas
Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County

MariaElena De La Garza
Community Action Board

Marshall Delk
Santa Cruz County Bank

Daniel Dodge
Monterey Bay Central Labor Council

Yuko Duckworth
Employment Development Department

Candice Elliott
Fortress and Flourish

Sean Hebard
Carpenters Local 505

Carmen Herrera-Mansir
El Pajaro Community Development Corp.

Laura Holmquist-Gomez
Five Star Catering

Todd Livingstone
Watsonville/Aptos/Santa Cruz Adult Education

Barbara Mason
Santa Cruz County Economic Development

Chris Miller
ScratchSpace, LLC

Elisa Orona
Health Improvement Partnership of SC County

Shaz Roth
Pajaro Valley Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture

Glen Schaller
Monterey Bay Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Katie Setzler
Palo Alto Medical Foundation

Carol Siegel
Santa Cruz Seaside Company

Dustin Vereker
Discretion Brewing

DIRECTOR:
Andy Stone

Santa Cruz County Workforce Development supports the Community by cultivating economic vitality and assisting Jobseekers by creating programs to train, educate, and support the workforce to develop key and timely skills. We assist Business to secure the talent they need to thrive now, and into the future.
Guests
Akinjide, Dr. Kofi
Andersen, Lisa
Aubuchon, Marty
Becerra, Ivan
Berry-Wahrer, Diane
Brady, Gerlinde
Burrafato, Alan
Castillo, Sara
Cortes, Claudia
Estrada, Vivian – EDD
Frasca, Lizbeth
Garcia, Omar
Mason, Shelby
Ming, Racy
Moss, Denise
Munoz, Bea
Ontiveros, Ana
Pena, Valerie
Ruiz, Angie
Staley-Raatior, Desha
Teague, Susan
Young, Nicole
Zayas-Alavez, Sarai

Subject: Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Subject: Information Item:

I.1 – Presentation: Why Equity in Workforce Development?

An equity training presentation on the topic Why Equity in Workplace Development? was presented to the WDB Full Board by Nicole Young. The goals outlined for this training was to develop an understanding of key diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) terms; build commitment to ongoing learning that leads to equity goals and actions; and understand the next steps and opportunities to participate in the WDB Equity Training series.

Action: No action taken, informational item only.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Next Meeting: Workforce Development Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 8, 2021 @ 8:30 am
Action Item 3:  Operational Plan Update  
(Action required)  

**Recommendation**  
Adopt the WDB Director's Operational Plan update for PY 21-22.  

**Background**  
On September 16, 2020 the WDB approved the WDB Director’s Program Year (PY) 2020-21 Operational Plan which lays out the specific actions for the program year designed to ensure that the board’s priorities are met. The attached scorecard represents the updated PY 2021-22 goals and action steps as approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting on August 25, 2021.  
The WDB Director's Operational Plan incorporates the goals referenced below: 

**Operational Goals for Workforce Santa Cruz County**  

**Goal 1:** Jobseekers have the competitive skills to earn a sustainable wage with opportunities for career pathways. 

**Goal 2:** Santa Cruz County businesses have the talent needed to thrive now and into the future. 

**Goal 3:** Santa Cruz County Workforce Development supports community partners to positively impact the region’s economic vitality.  

**Next Steps**  
The WDB Director will report on Operational Plan’s progress at each Workforce Development Board meeting.  

**Suggested motion**  
I move to adopt the WDB Director's Operational Plan update for PY 21-22.
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<td>Jobseekers have the competitive skills to earn a sustainable wage with opportunities for career pathways.</td>
<td>✔️</td>
<td>• Develop and deploy new virtual career services offerings</td>
<td>• Working with web designer to complete career services website. Will provide a presentation to the WDB before June 30, 2022</td>
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<td>Santa Cruz County businesses have the talent needed to thrive now and into the future.</td>
<td>✔️</td>
<td>• Develop additional pre-apprenticeship opportunities • Provide WDB with a presentation on remote work and training opportunities</td>
<td>• Received $300,000 in ARPA funding for pre-apprenticeship programs. Program to be launched in first half of 2022 • Presentation on remote work schedule for 3/30/22 WDB meeting - presenter identified</td>
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<td>Santa Cruz County Workforce Development supports community partners to positively impact the region’s economic vitality.</td>
<td>✔️</td>
<td>• Establish equity goals and provide WDB members with training • Provide WDB members with the tools and training to become better advocates for the workforce development system • Develop new Economic Development partnership opportunities with other organizations and entities • Draft and release the 2022 State of the Workforce Report</td>
<td>• Equity workgroup is developing a plan to roll out training and strategy • Presentation delayed to 12/8/21 WDB meeting as a result of the cancellation of the September WDB meeting • Developing new online resource that will link business to workforce and economic development resources in Santa Cruz County • State of the Workforce to be completed by June 30, 2022</td>
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Action Item 4: Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Draft Monitoring and Subsequent Eligibility Report

(Action required)

Recommendation
Approve the ETPL monitoring reports as drafted by WDB staff.

Background
Workforce Development Board (WDB) staff monitored the Employment Training Provider List (ETPL) training vendors that met the criteria this year for monitoring in early 2021 for the 2019-2020 and 2020-21 program years:
- Headquartered locally and to which we sent a customer for training or
- Headquartered in another area not monitored by that area's WDB and to which we sent a customer for training.

The Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) program monitoring process includes:
1. Overview of the monitoring process and objectives, services provided, and program performance.
2. Completion and discussion with the Monitor of Training Vendor Monitoring Guide and participant list.
4. An on-site walk through of the facility and classrooms.
5. Interviews with key staff providing services funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).
6. Interviews with participants receiving WIOA funded services
7. Review of school materials that may include: personnel policies and procedures, proof of insurance, marketing materials, school catalog, registration forms, curricula related to participant training, job prep, English as a Second Language, documents related to and in support of services provided to participants receiving WIOA funded services, including student files, or other participant activities.

Additionally, using the State requirements to remain on the California State ETPL, WDB staff performed a subsequent eligibility review for each active ETPL program.

Staff Analysis
Final letters were sent to providers in April.

For the four (4) vendors monitored, there were no monitoring findings. Three (3) vendors had observations that may result in findings if not corrected for future monitorings.

All four (4) complete reports are attached via this link: https://bit.ly/3EmCiG4

For subsequent eligibility:
- Cabrillo College had two training programs removed from CalJOBS.
- Watsonville Aptos Santa Cruz Adult Education had two training programs removed from CalJOBS.

Suggested motion
I move to approve the ETPL monitoring reports as drafted by WDB staff.
Action Item 5: Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) 2020-21 Annual Report

(Action required)

Recommendation
Accept the annual ETPL Report for PY 2020-21

Background
The Workforce Development Board (WDB) staff has reviewed the training placements from Program Year (PY) 2020-21 in order to gauge the performance of each Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) vendor (Attachment 1). Although the WDB has 18 schools eligible to provide training, the attached chart (Attachment 2) lists the expenditures for only those schools that were attended during the 2020-21 Program Year. Additionally, the charts (Attachment 3) indicate the top five schools in terms of enrollments, and the top five schools’ Individual Training Account expenditures for PY 2020-21.

The link to view the reports is found here: https://bit.ly/3Dk3AMb

Staff Analysis
Summary of Attachment 1: PY 20-21 ETPL Performance by Training Vendors:
- Cabrillo College served the most WIOA training customers in 2020-21 (74 total (44 Adult and 30 Dislocated Workers) or 40% of those in training). 42 successfully completed. Average wage of $48.90.
- Truck Driver Institute trained 45 individuals (19 Adult and 25 Dislocated Workers) with 28 successful completions. Average wage of $23.91.

Summary of Attachment 2 - 2020-21 ETPL Top Five Expenditures:
- 45 people trained at Truck Driver Institute for a total cost of $148,945 ($3,310 per individual average) WIOA training dollars (or 31% of all expended training funds).

Suggested motion
I move to accept the annual ETPL Report for PY 2020-21.
Action Item 6: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) 2021-22 Budget
(Vote required)

Recommendation

Accept the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) budgets for PY 2020-21 and 2021-22.

Background

On May 14, 2021, the Employment Development Department (EDD) released the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program Year (PY) 2021-22, Formula Allocations for the Adult, Dislocated Worker (DW) and Youth programs. On July 26, 2020, EDD released the Rapid Response and Lay Off Aversion allocations for PY 2021-22.

Staff Analysis

Current service providers for core services are Goodwill Central Coast (Adult, DW and Business Services funding); Cabrillo Student Resources and Support Network (student support services); Santa Cruz County Office of Education (Youth services); Cabrillo Small Business Development Center (Rapid Response/ job retention and layoff aversion services); and Winter Works LLC (One-Stop Operator).

These funds were accepted into the County of Santa Cruz (County) fiscal year budgets for the Human Services Department – Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Services for each year during the annual County budgeting process. Grant funded services are also listed. Grant funds are accepted into the County budget as they are received, usually in tandem with approval of related contracts for services.

Suggested Motion

I move to accept the WIOA budgets for PY 2020-21 and 2021-22.
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*CEDS = Community Economic Development Support System*
**Action Item 7: WIOA Procurement Results/ PY22/23 Award Recommendations**

*Action required*

**Recommendation**
Accept the award recommendations and authorize the Workforce Development Board (WDB) Staff to proceed with next steps in the procurement process.

**Background**
The WDB approved the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for WIOA Career Center Operator, Adult, Dislocated Worker, Youth and Layoff Aversion program services at the May 26, 2021 meeting. The RFP was subsequently released at the Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting on August 24, 2021.

As part of the process, the WDB worked with the County's General Services Department's Purchasing Division (GSD) to conduct the RFP procurement process. This RFP contracting allows for a one-year contract with three additional one-year options for renewal, for a total possible term of four years. This procurement process provides for a potential contract that could extend from PY 2022-23 through PY 2025-26 based on a contractor cost analysis. A new procurement process will need to be conducted every four years as required by utilizing the County procurement process and according to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

**Results of Competitive Process**
As a result of the RFP process managed by GSD four (4) service areas were scored from the following bidders: America Works of California; Arbor E & T, LLC, dba Equus Workforce Solutions; Cabrillo Community College District Small Business Development Center; Goodwill Central Coast; Santa Cruz County Office of Education and Winter Works LLC.

GSD has outlined the evaluation committee results in the attached memo dated October 29, 2021. The following outcome has been certified by GSD:

**Service Area 1 One-Stop Operator:** Arbor E & T, LLC, dba Equus Workforce Solutions **Service Area 2 Adult, Dislocated Worker Program Services:** Goodwill Central Coast **Service Area 3 Youth Services:** Santa Cruz County Office of Education **Service Area 4 Layoff Aversion Services:** Cabrillo Community College District Small Business Development Center

On November 30, 2021, Equus Workforce Solutions declined the award for Service Area 1, citing lack of economies of scale with having been awarded only one of the 4 service areas for which they submitted bids. WDB Staff recommends awarding service area 1 to incumbent contractor, Amanda Winter, dba Winter Works LLC.

**Next Steps**
1. WDB Staff will enter into contract negotiations with the recommended vendors for PY 22/23.
2. WDB staff will return to the Board of Supervisors no later than May 24, 2022 with contract approvals.

**Suggested motion**
I move to accept the award recommendations from the PY 2022-23 Procurement and authorize the WDB Staff to enter into contract negotiations with the recommended vendors for PY 22-23.
TO: Andy Stone, Workforce Development Board Director, 
       Sara Paz-Nethercutt, Workforce Development Board Sr. Analyst 
FROM: Shauna Soldate, General Services Department (GSD), Purchasing, Buyer 
DATE: October 29, 2021 
SUBJECT: EVALUATION RESULTS FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 21P3-001, 
          WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) ONE-STOP 
          OPERATOR AND ADULT AND DISLOCATED WORKER PROGRAM SERVICES 
          PROGRAM 

The twelve-member Evaluation Committee evaluated and scored six (6) Request for Proposals (RFP) 
received from Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Cabrillo Community College Santa Cruz Small 
Business Development Center, Equus Workforce Solutions, Goodwill Central Coast, Winter Works 
LLC, and America Works.

The Committee was divided into four sub-committees made up of three evaluators per sub-committee 
with 
each sub-committee evaluating one of the four modalities. The modalities were as follows: 
   • Modality 1: WIOA Career Center Operator; 
   • Modality 2: Adult & Dislocated Worker Program Services; 
   • Modality 3: WIOA Youth Program Services; 
   • Modality 4: Workforce Services for Business.

The sub-committee for Modality 1, Career Center Operator, scored the proposal response from Equus 
Workforce Solutions the highest at 89 points out of a possible 105 points. The second-place score 
was Winterworks LLC, who scored 80 points.

The sub-committee for Modality 2, Adult & Dislocated Worker Program, scored the proposal response 
from Goodwill Central Coast the highest at 85.58 points out of a possible 105 points. The second-
place score was Equus Workforce Solutions, who scored 76.25 points.

The sub-committee for Modality 3, Youth Program Services, scored the proposal response from Santa 
Cruz County Office of Education the highest at 102 points out of a possible 105 points. The second-
place score was Equus Workforce Solutions, who scored 90 points.

The sub-committee for Modality 4, Workforce Services Business, scored the proposal response from 
Cabrillo Community College District Small Business Development Center the highest at 103 points out
of a possible 105 points. The second-place score was Equus Workforce Solutions, who scored 90 points.

GSD Purchasing considers any score in the 90%-100% percentile range to be excellent; 80% to 89% range to be good; 70% to 79% range to be fair; and anything below 70% to be unacceptable. The highest scored proposal response for each modality was at 84% or higher. GSD Purchasing deems these proposal responses as good quality that meet or exceed the basic needs set forth in this RFP.

GSD Purchasing recommends awards to the following vendors:

- Modality 1: WIOA Career Center Operator: Equus Workforce Solutions
- Modality 2: Adult & Dislocated Worker Program Services: Goodwill Central Coast
- Modality 3: WIOA Youth Program Services: Santa Cruz County Office of Education
- Modality 4: Workforce Services for Business: Cabrillo Community College District Small Business Development Center

Your department may proceed with contract negotiations with the vendors stated above. Please be advised that the commencement of any resulting contract is contingent upon County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors approval.

Contact me at (831) 454-2526 if you have any questions on the process or any information contained in the proposal. Thank you for your assistance in this process.

Shauna Soldate
Shauna.Soldate@santacruzcounty.us

10/29/2021
Date
Action Item 8: AJCC Certification Continuous Improvement Plan

( := Action required)

**Recommendation**

Approve the AJCC Certification Indicator Continuous Improvement Plan as written and authorize the WDB staff to submit to the Employment Development Department (EDD) Regional Advisor.

**Background**

WDB Staff previously informed this board of the Employment Development Department (EDD) Workforce Services Directive, WSD20-08, dated March 1, 2021 which provides policy and guidance for conducting the new AJCC certification process. The new process supersedes the Hallmarks of Excellence Certification Process as outlined in WSD16-20, dated June 9, 2017.

The new process includes two (2) levels of AJCC Certification:

1. The Baseline Certification approved by the Workforce Development Board (WDB) at its May 26, 2021 meeting is intended to ensure that every AJCC site is in compliance with WIOA statutory and regulatory requirements;
2. The Certification Indicator Assessments approved by the Executive Committee at its August 25, 2021 meeting have been completed and submitted to the state as required. They are intended to measure continuous improvements in service delivery with seven (7) indicators. Using the recommendation and evaluation from the assessments, a continuous improvement plan is created to continually improve and progress within each of the seven (7) AJCC Certification Indicators.

At the May 26, 2021 WDB meeting, the board approved a subcontract with Racy Ming and Associates. Racy Ming conducted the assessments for the AJCC certification and assisted with the creation of the Continuous Improvement (CI) Plan.

The link to view the plan is found here: [https://bit.ly/3ogsec1](https://bit.ly/3ogsec1)

**Next Steps**

The approved CI Plan will be submitted as required by the directive and progress shared with this board. The CI Plan will be shared with AJCC Operator and staff for implementation.

**Suggested motion**

I move to approve the AJCC Certification Indicator Continuous Improvement Plan as written and authorize the WDB staff to submit to the EDD Regional Advisor by the December 31, 2021 deadline.
Report Item 9: Workforce Development Board Staff Updates
(No vote required)

WIOA Career Services:
1. Recruiting for FIRE Project participants
2. Local Lean Continuous Improvement Initiative
3. Out-of-School Expenditure Waiver
4. Local Public Library Initiative

Business Services:
1. Marketing/Career Services Webpage Update
2. Business Resource Network
3. Downtown Santa Cruz Walkabout Job Fair

Regional Projects/Grants Report:
1. Prison to Employment
2. SB1 Pre-apprenticeship Training Grant
Report Item 10: Contractor Activity Reports
(No vote required)

Reports outlining each workforce services contractor's financial, federal (if applicable), and contract performance can be found here: https://bit.ly/3xS5PVJ
Communications Update: Repositioning the Board for High-Value & Engagement

Celina Shands, Founder/CEO at Full Capacity Marketing

As a communications expert, Celina has helped more than 500 workforce development and K-12/postsecondary education organizations across the nation build high-performing outreach campaigns that empower vulnerable populations, students and job seekers to embrace their potential and motivate employers to be part of the process. She has earned nearly 70 global awards, and is a former American Marketing Association Marketer of the Year and a two-time Women Who Mean Business finalist.