



Board of Directors Meeting

February 21, 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 1/17/08 | J. MarcAurele |
| 4. Chairman's Report | J. MarcAurele |
| 5. Director's Report | M. Koback |
| 6. Consent Agenda (Items 1– 2)
A board member may request that any item be removed
from the consent agenda and moved to the regular agenda. | J. MarcAurele |
| 7. S.T.E.M Presentation | D. Cedrone |
| 8. Committee Reports | Chairs |
| 9. Old / New Business | |
| 10. Adjournment | |

**NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008
8:00- 10:00 a.m.**

FEBRUARY 21, 2008 MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

(Detailed Information Follows as Appropriate)

Items 1- 2

Item 1: Approve WIA Consent Agenda

Two Workforce Investment Notices listed for Program Year '07 were issued: 1) Pursuant to policies regarding the US Department of Labor's Employment & Training Administration's plan to rescind Program Year 2007 WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker funding resulting in a 2% reduction in original planning estimates. 2) Procedural modifications for local WIBs' two-year plans regarding the addition of JDF funding and service levels. Hyperlinks to detailed information are provided on the following WIA Consent Agenda.

Item 2: Workforce Expansion Grant

The Strategic Investments Committee met on January 31st and endorsed staff's recommendation to award \$166,900 to Electric Boat at Quonset Point to train 200 new employees various positions detailed on the following overview.

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 NO.	DATE	SUBJECT
07-11	2/6/08	Adult and Dislocated Worker FY 08 Rescission. This issuance provides guidance on ETA plans to rescind Fiscal Year 2008 portions of the Program Year 2007 Adult and Dislocated Worker formula funds as enacted by Congress. This rescission results in a 2% reduction against the planning figures issued for the FY 2008 portion of PY 2007 WIA Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs.
07-12	2/6/08	Job Development Fund Plan Modification Procedures for Youth Activities. This issuance provides guidance to the local areas regarding procedures to be followed when modifying the 2 Year Local Plan to add JDF funding and service levels for PY 06 and PY 07.

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.

ITEM 2 – WORKFORCE EXPANSION GRANT

Name of company: Electric Boat Corp., Quonset Point Facility

Industry: Submarine Building

Employees to be hired:200

Job Titles: 60 Welder learners
 30 Shipfitter learners
 45 Pipefitter learners
 40 Marine Electrician learners
 10 Marine Machinists
 15 Painters

Rates of Pay: \$11.25 - \$13.25

Grant Request: \$166,900

Staff Recommendation: \$166,900

Staff Comments:

Background Information:

Electric Boat is adding new employees primarily due to the increased orders and production of two submarines a year for the next five years. Electric Boat at Quonset Point has established standards of excellence in the design, construction and lifecycle support of submarines for the US Navy. Primary operations are the shipyard in Groton, CT with the automated hull-fabrication and outfitting facility in Quonset Point, RI with a current workforce of 10,500.