



Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, March 15, 2012

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

RI Department of Labor & Training
1511 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston, RI
Conference Room 73-1

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order – Chair Constance A. Howes**
2. **Approve Minutes of 2-16-12** **Vote**
3. **Chair's Comments** **Information**
 - *Update on Employer Committee*
 - *Appointments of board chairs*
4. **Executive Director's Report** **Information**
 - *FY2012 Jobs Initiative*
 - *Incumbent Worker Training Grants*
 - *Manufacturing Industry Partner*
 - *GWB Annual Meeting*
 - *USDOL Workforce Innovations Grant*
 - *Outreach & networking*
 - *Updated by-laws*
5. **Consent Agenda (Items 1-6)** **Vote**

A consent agenda is a bundle of items that is voted on, without discussion, as a package. A board member may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda and moved to the regular agenda for discussion.
6. **Industry Partner: Hospitality** **Information**

Heather Singleton, Senior Vice President, RI Hospitality Association
Socrates Ramirez, Assistant General Manager, Renaissance Hotel Providence
Glena Cerezo, Personal Guest Host
7. **Committee Chair Reports** **Information**
 - Career Pathways System Task Force
 - Strategic Investments & Evaluation Committee
8. **Adjournment**

March 15, 2012 MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1: WIA Consent Agenda

There are 4 Workforce Investment Notices for Program Year 2011 for Board review and approval. (They are listed with hyperlinks for detailed information on the following page.)

Item 2: Funding Request – Defense Industry Partnership

At the March 1, 2012 meeting, Strategic Investments and Evaluation Committee members approved a request to fund the Defense Industry Partnership in the amount of \$20,000 through June 30, 2012. The funding for this partnership expired on January 1, 2012. This funding will continue the work on the skills gap study and bring them in line with the other Industry Partners.

Item 3: Funding Request: Export Assistance Export Management Training

At the March 1, 2012 meeting, Strategic Investments and Evaluation Committee members approved a request to fund the RI Economic Development's Export Assistance Management Training Program in the amount of \$20,000. This funding will continue the work of the program through June 30, 2012. This program provides funding to Rhode Island companies for customized export training programs, including business plan development, market entry strategies, export logistics, international trade show development, certification training and foreign language training.

Item 4: Recommendations for FY13 Budget Allocations

At the March 1, 2012 meeting, Strategic Investments and Evaluation Committee members approved the recommendations for FY13 Budget Allocations as detailed in the following document entitled "Proposed GWB Funding Categories Allocations – FY2013".

Item 5: Adoption of Funding Criteria

At the March 1, 2012 meeting, Strategic Investments and Evaluation Committee members approved the adoption of the Funding Criteria for GWB investments.

Item 6: Funding Request FY2013 – Youth Summer Work Experience Program

At the March 1, 2012 meeting, Strategic Investments and Evaluation Committee members approved funding in the amount of \$1M for the Youth Summer Work Experience Program.

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 1999-2011](#)

New Workforce Investment Notices

WIN NOTICE #	DATE	SUBJECT
11-09	1/23/12	<u>Changes in Adult and Dislocated Worker Funds for PY2011</u> This issuance provides guidance on ETA plans to adjust FY12 portion of PY11 allocations for Adult and Dislocated Workers regarding the 1.503 percent rescission.
11-10	1/23/12	<u>Eligible Training Provider Outcome Data</u> This issuance provides ongoing information and guidance to Local Workforce Investment Areas, training providers, other netWORKri partners and customers and ensures that certain outcomes of training programs are available on the Department of Labor and Training website.
11-11	1/23/12	<u>Gold Card Initiative</u> This issuance provides information on the new <i>Gold Card Initiative</i> for Post- 9/11 Era Veterans. Under this initiative, post 9/11 era veterans may receive enhanced intensive and follow-up services designed for unemployed post 9/11 era veterans. Gold Card services will include a combination of services, such as skills assessment, career counseling, and job search assistance to reconnect veterans to the civilian labor force in high demand occupations.
11-12	1/23/12	<u>Adult and Dislocated Worker Allocations for PY 2011</u> This issuance transmits the PY 2011/FY2012 split for Adult and Dislocated Worker Programs.

CONSIDERATION: The policies listed for PY 2009/11 above were issued pursuant to federal and GWB policy as appropriate. **POSSIBLE ACTION:** Review and approval of policy issuances.