



Bay Area Workforce Development Board

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Bay Area Workforce Development Board

Meeting Minutes July 28, 2005

Present: Joe Hilke, John Haugh, Christine Jensema, Don McAdams, Paul Linzmeyer (arrived 3:05)

Absent: Diane Koepke, Bob Guenther

Mr. McAdams called the meeting to order at 2:20 PM at the Bay Area WDB office. A quorum was present in person or by conference phone. Since he was on the conference line, Mr. McAdams asked Mr. Hilke to chair the meeting since he was in attendance at the office. The Minutes of the July 11, 2005 Executive Committee meeting were adopted as submitted on a motion by Ms. Jensema, second by Mr. Haugh.

WIA Young Youth Contracts. The members reviewed the recommendations for the second round of WIA Younger Youth contract allocations from the Proposal Review Committee. Those recommendations were:

Family Services

\$35,000 for services in Door County
\$35,000 for services in Shawano County
\$ 11,630 for services in Menominee County

Forward Service Corporation

\$73,000 for services in Brown County

Great Lakes Training and Development Corporation

\$45,370 for services in Sheboygan County.

There was much discussion around the Door County contract because the committee recommendation would transfer the contract from Women's Employment Project (WEP) to Family Services. Cheri Gilbert from WEP and Michael Van Dyke spoke of the potential disruption to young people currently enrolled in the program with the change in contractors. Family Services called attention to their history of providing quality services in Door County and with other WIA programs. Staff pointed out that there were no performance issues with WEP, but the Proposal Review Committee had simply found the Family Services proposal to be preferable based on their reading and the oral presentations of the two agencies.

The vision of the Bay Area Workforce Development Board is that job skills and educational levels are increased, quality of life for all individuals is enhanced, while employers' needs are met.

Mr. Haugh made a motion to accept the Proposal Review Committee's recommendation, but there was no second.

Mr. McAdams made a motion to accept the Proposal Review Committee recommendations for Brown, Shawano, Menominee, and Sheboygan Counties, and there was a second by Ms. Jensema. Motion was adopted unanimously.

The Committee discussed the option of sending the Door County question back to the Proposal Review Committee, but staff indicated that the committee had made their recommendation and would not be willing to revisit the issue. Mr. Golembeski stated that this Proposal Review Committee (and others) had taken the time to read the proposals thoroughly and interview the proposers, so their recommendations should be taken very seriously by the Executive Committee. After additional discussion, a Motion was made by Mr. McAdams, with a second by Ms. Jensema, to accept the Proposal Review Committee recommendation for Door County. The Motion was adopted unanimously.

Business Services Contract. Each of the proposers for this solicitation gave a brief presentation about their organization and the proposal for the Business Services contract. Wendy Seronko and Tom Schumacher spoke about the Employers Workforce Development Network and their agency's history of assisting employers to raise issues and craft solutions from a "demand side" perspective. Karen Smits and Susan Moumblow spoke about the new emphasis on business customers at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and the many resources that the college could bring to this project. Jim Barnes gave a presentation for Workforce Economics and spoke about the various projects he is involved with including customized training programs, working with salaried dislocated workers, and enhanced electronic communication systems to meet employer needs.

Staff indicated that committee reviews of the proposals had rated NWTC the highest by a significant margin. After additional discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Mc Adams to award the Business Services contract to NWTC, and a second was offered by Ms. Jensema. Motion passed on a unanimous vote, with Mr. Linzmeyer abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.