

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Agenda Report
For the Trustee Meeting Date June 22, 2010

ITEM # 15

ITEM TITLE:

Capacity Building and Workforce Partnership Grant for the Employment Development Department in Coordination with the California Workforce Investment Board and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency

SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval to grant the Chancellor the authority to enter into an agreement with the Employment Development Department in Coordination with the California Workforce Investment Board and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency to execute the Capacity Building and Workforce Partnership Grant if selected. Grant proposed to be awarded June 30, 2010.

ITEM SUMMARY:

The Capacity Building and Workforce Partnership Project (CBWPP) is an innovative effort between Peralta Community College District, Oakland Private Industry Council, OCCUR and California Resources and Training (CARAT). These agencies have decades of experience in nonprofit capacity building, workforce and small business assistance as well as sector support for numerous economically challenged communities. Each entity has built a highly respected reputation and track record for providing effective neighborhood based services that have positively impacted the lives of thousands of low-income residents in the greater Alameda County/East Bay region. Through CBWPP, over 300 nonprofit organizations will receive comprehensive capacity building and organization development training. Over 350 small businesses will be directly trained by Peralta College's Alameda County Small Business Development Center. Through the intensive capacity building services provided to nonprofits and small businesses participating in CBWPP we anticipate the creation of nearly 700 jobs as these organizations are able to build their employment capacity. Overall, the CBWPP is a model design for replication throughout the State of California and is utilizing a place-based collaboration best practice approach for transformative interagency productivity and outcomes.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The Employment Development Department (EDD) in coordination with the California Workforce Investment Board (State Board) and the Labor and Workforce Development Agency announced the availability of up to \$3 million in State General Fund monies to fund experienced organizations that will assist businesses and non-profit organizations in distressed communities with capacity building activities that support economic recovery. Specifically, lead organizations will assist businesses and grassroots organizations working in economically underserved communities with capacity building activities in three critical areas: 1) organizational development, 2) collaboration and community engagement and 3) resource development. It is expected that these activities will lead to job creation. Peralta Community Colleges Small Business Development Center organized the following team to respond to the proposal Oakland Private Industry Council, OCCUR and CARAT.

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:

This is a one- of- a-kind unique opportunity to access funding that will enhance the delivery of core programs of not only the Alameda County Small Business Development Center (ACSBDC), but also Peralta Community College District. These are state general funds monies that are being deployed within a 30 day window from proposal submittal to award which is extremely rare. The monies are directly aligned with the core competencies of the District and the Peralta's Small Business Development Center.

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommendation for authorizing the Chancellor to enter into a contract with the Employment Development Department, California Workforce Investment Board, California Labor and Workforce Development Agency and the partnering organizations as required if awarded the grant.

SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):

The California Legislature has budgeted up to \$3 million in State General Funds for this proposal. No minimum grant amount was set for the proposals submitted. The proposal submitted by Peralta was for the amount of one million dollars of which it was matched by \$337,608. Peralta committed \$50,000 towards the cash match. Peralta currently has a contract with the Northern California Small Business Development Center to operate the Alameda County SBDC, Pursuant to that contract; Peralta receives a grant in the amount of \$260,000 for the Alameda County SBDC. The funds originate from the Small Business Administration Federal Agency. This federal grant is awarded annually on a calendar year basis and Peralta expects to continue in its capacity to manage and operate the ACSBDC for the foreseeable future. The match of \$50,000 will be drawn from this federal funding source. The remaining cash match will be contributed by the other partners involved in the project.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THIS ACTION (E.G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY):

YES _____ NO X

COMMENTS:

WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING?

JOSE DUENAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DID A BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE ITEM? YES _____ NO X

_____ IF "YES", PLEASE INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION IN YOUR SUMMARY.

(*****Board contract approval is subject to negotiation and execution by the Chancellor.)

PLEASE ACQUIRE SIGNATURES IN THIS ORDER:

DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:

Prepared by: _____
Jose Duenas, Executive Director

Date: _____

DOCUMENT PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY:

Presented and approved by: _____
Dr. Wise Allen Vice Chancellor Educational Services

Date: _____

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW

_____ Finance review required _____ Finance review *not* required

If Finance review is required, determination is: ___ Approved ___ Not Approved

If not approved, please give reason: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Finance and Administration Approval

GENERAL COUNSEL (Legality and Format/adherence to Education Codes):

_____ Legal review required _____ Legal review *not* required

If Legal review is required, determination is: ___ Approved ___ Not Approved

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Thuy T. Nguyen, General Counsel

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL

_____ Approved, and Place on Agenda _____ Not Approved, but Place on Agenda

Signature: _____ Date: 2/17/10
Elihu Harris, Chancellor