

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Agenda Report
For the Trustee Meeting Date of May 24, 2011

ITEM # 22

Item title:

Intent to Apply for the Workforce Investment Act
Youth Career Technical Education Grant

Specific Board Action Requested:

Approval of Merritt College's Intent to Apply for the Workforce Investment Act
Youth Career Technical Education Grant

ITEM SUMMARY:

Career pathways prepare students for successful completion of state academic and technical standards and more advanced postsecondary course work related to the career in which they are interested, thus leading to employment. Students may be engaged in work experience or pre-apprenticeship activities whereby they connect classroom academics with real life work experience. It is expected that students will complete a training program that results in completion of an industry-recognized certificate, diploma or degree or that is part of a pathway towards an industry-recognized certification to be completed at the postsecondary level. The Employment Development Department (EDD), in coordination with the California Workforce Investment Board (CWIB) and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, announces the availability of up to \$3 million of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Funds. The grant amount requested is \$500,000.

Merritt College will be the lead agency in partnership with the following entities:

1. Oakland Workforce Investment Board (grant mandated partner);
2. Kidango, a private, not-for-profit child development agency that provides quality care and education in 9 Bay Area cities to over 2,500 children daily (one of the largest child development agencies serving Alameda and Santa Clara Counties grant mandated partner);
3. Fremont High School (grant mandated partnership);

With the following organizations as additional partners:

Growth Sector: program and employer coordination

urban university: wrap around services

Alameda County of Social Services Cal Works Division (to be confirmed)

Oakland Private Industry Council (to be confirmed)

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Youth unemployment is a continuing and escalating problem for the American labor market where most lack the skills to compete. CTE has been a successful model in addressing the challenges faced by this target population: CTE is both an education and workforce development strategy where students are prepared for ongoing education, long-term careers, as well as entry into the workplace. CTE is designed to provide seamless pathways that bridge secondary and postsecondary education, enabling students to earn a postsecondary degree or an industry-recognized certification.

The grant will engage employers to provide industry based advice on career pathways, program delivery and employment opportunities in growing industries. The grant will target at-risk youth ages 16-24 who are in or out of school. Youth ages 16-18 must be low income as defined in the WIA Eligibility Technical Assistance Guide.

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):

Education Development Department

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

YES _____ NO _____

WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING?

Vice Chancellor Deborah Budd

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

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

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PLEASE ACQUIRE SIGNATURES IN THIS ORDER:

DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:

Prepared by: C Fairley Date: 5-18-11
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DOCUMENT PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY:

Presented and approved by: D. Budd Date: 5-18-11
Deborah Budd, Vice Chancellor for Educational Services

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: _____
Ron Gerhard, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

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: Wise E. Allen Date: 5/18/11
Wise E. Allen, Chancellor