



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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June 20, 2006

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City of Long Beach

California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents and any subsequent amendments that change the terms or increase grant amounts with the South Bay Center for Counseling for the Petrochemical Career Pathway Initiative Project during the period of May 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007. It is further recommended that the City Council authorize an increase in appropriations in the Community Development Grant Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD) in the amount of \$70,000. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Workforce Development Bureau (Bureau) within the Department of Community Development and the South Bay Center for Counseling (Center) collaborated with a consortium of community partners in the South Bay area of Los Angeles County in response to a solicitation from the California Employment Development Department for a Governor's Discretionary Workforce Investment Act (WIA) grant. The Center was notified of an award of \$600,000 for the Petrochemical Career Pathway Initiative Project. The Bureau will receive \$70,000 to provide support for the Project and deliver WIA services.

The Project targets the energy and refining sector in the Los Angeles Basin, as well as related chemical manufacturing. Participating refineries include Conoco-Phillips, Exxon Mobile and Valero. The Project is designed to address the need for additional process technicians and operators created by an aging labor force and meet industry standards for entry-level, full time employment. Services include assessment and screening, bridge programs to enhance basic skills, college-credited Process Technician training, paid try-out employment and placement. The Bureau will dedicate staff for outreach and recruitment, assessment and screening, remediation, case management, counseling, financial support, placement assistance, and follow-up services for up to 34 Long Beach area residents. It is anticipated that entry-level wages at placement will be \$22 to \$23 per hour.

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This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Everett L. Glenn on May 11, 2006 and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on June 9, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Final contract documents from the Center have been delayed; City Council action is requested on June 20, 2006 to facilitate processing of the required documents.

FISCAL IMPACT

An appropriations increase of \$70,000 is requested in the Community Development Grant Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). The increase is included in the recommended action. There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER