



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 contracts with the College of Instrument Technology in the amount of \$200,000 and Camino Real Career College in the amount of \$150,000 to provide heavy equipment operator and truck driver training for adult and dislocated worker participants for the period of June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds received annually by the City are administered by the Department of Community Development through the Workforce Development Bureau (Bureau). These funds support job training programs and business services delivered by the Career Transition Center (CTC), the Youth Opportunity Center, and selected community-based organizations to assist local residents acquire skills leading to employment in demand by local employers.

The Bureau utilizes available labor market information and targeted local industry reports to monitor hiring trends and ensure skill training leads to local employment opportunities. Employment Specialists also utilize this data to counsel participants regarding appropriate career choices. Accordingly, heavy equipment operators and truck drivers continue to be among the occupations most in demand in Los Angeles County.

With the exception of employer and on-the-job training, WIA participants select training available through providers approved in the State's Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). Among the providers listed on the ETPL, the College of Instrument Technology in Bellflower and the Camino Real Career College in La Puente are frequently selected by participants due to their proximity to Long Beach and the quality of the courses available. To continue utilizing these two training entities for WIA activities, the Bureau is requesting authorization to contract with each entity from June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007.

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This letter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais on June 9, 2006, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on June 9, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 20, 2006 to allow sufficient time to process required documents.

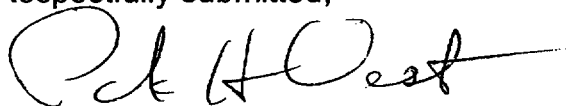
FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds in the amount of \$350,000 are currently appropriated in the Community Development Grant Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). There is no impact to the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Training Schools

APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER