

## CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

333 WEST OCEAN BOULEVARD - LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA 90802

November 10, 2009

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute contracts with Various Institutions of Higher Education in an amount totaling \$1,215,000 to provide classroom and skills upgrade training under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in industry-driven demand occupations relevant to Southern California, and to execute any needed subsequent amendments. (Citywide)

#### DISCUSSION

The Workforce Investment Network (Network) received \$6,373,593 in federal Workforce Investment Act funds as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. In anticipation of the ARRA funds, the Workforce Investment Board adopted a framework in February for priority of investment of resources around the residents and businesses most in need of assistance. For its dislocated worker, adult and business assistance grants, worker retraining, skills development, career counseling, and support services continue as key strategies.

The Network has been working closely with employers, education entities, and private trainers to maximize opportunities around worker retraining. Complementing ongoing customized training, individual training referrals, and basic skills development, the Network has collaborated with key institutions of higher education called out in the ARRA legislation to expedite cohort-training opportunities in existing and upcoming career pathway opportunities.

Specifically, the Network extended opportunities to respond to such training opportunities to California State University Long Beach, Long Beach City College, El Camino College, Long Beach Unified School District's Occupational Skills Center and Los Angeles Unified School District's Harbor Occupational Skills Center. Projects were submitted by four of the institutions, with recommended contracts outlined in the attachment.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on October 23, 2009 and by Budget and Performance Management Bureau Manager David Wodynski on October 23, 2009.

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### TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on November 10, 2009 in order to facilitate processing of required documents.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Community Development Grants 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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DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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**ATTACHMENT** 

APPROVED:

# ARRA Training Cohorts Institutions of Higher Education

Entity	Training Subject	Anticipated Trainees	Contract Amount	Contract Term
Long Beach Community College District	Green Vehicle Technician	25	\$260,000	12/1/2009 to 5/31/2011
	Pharmacy Technician	30		
	Smart Irrigation/Horticulture	20		
	Customer Service	20		
	Advanced Office Applications	20		
	Notary Public	20		
El Camino College	Aerospace Fastener Manufacturing	20	\$550,000	12/1/2009 to 5/31/2011
	Power Utility Sub- Station Technician	20		
	Electronics Technician	20		
	Welder	20		
	Auto CAD Mechanical Drafter	20		
	CNC Machine Operator	20		
	Computer Hardware Technician	20		
	Solar Photo-Voltaic Installer	10		
	Weatherization	10		
	Solar Thermal Installer	10		

El Camino College Cont'd	Standards for Training Certification and Watch Keeping (STCW-95) Quickbooks Office Administration	10 10 10		
LAUSD Harbor Occupational Center	Medical Assistant	20	\$110,000	12/1/2009 to 5/31/2011
	Pharmacy Technician	20		
	Welder	20		
	Solar Photo-Voltaic Installer	20		
CSULB and CSULB Foundation	Green and Sustainable Building Certification	20	\$175,000	12/1/2009 to 5/31/2011
	Industrial and Automation Controls Certification	20		
	Designated Subject Credential	10		