CITY OF LONG BEACH



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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July 10, 2012

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute all documents with El Camino Community College District in the amount of \$200,000 in H-1B Visa funds for Pacific Gateway to deliver employment and training services in the advanced manufacturing sector; and to execute any needed subsequent amendments. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

In November 2011, California Manufacturers & Technology Association (CMTA) responded to a grant solicitation from the Department of Labor and was subsequently awarded \$5,000,000 in H-1B Visa funds to implement training programs that prepare individuals for employment in the advanced manufacturing sector. CMTA is providing these activities through a consortium of partners, including El Camino Community College District (El Camino) as a secondary partner that includes Pacific Gateway.

The training programs integrate basic and soft skills training, and infuse technical training into various modules to prepare workers for success in the skilled manufacturing sector. Through the collaborative partnership, Pacific Gateway will provide services to address non-academic barriers to success, including career counseling needs, assessment of skill levels, and program suitability of trainees in the region.

Additionally, El Camino will contract-in with Pacific Gateway to perform eligibility determination and customer data reporting and tracking. El Camino will cover the staff costs of performing those functions, in an amount totaling \$200,000.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on June 12, 2012 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on June 13, 2012.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on July 10, 2012, in order to facilitate processing of required documents.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Sufficient funds are currently appropriated in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Human Resources Department (HR). There is no impact to the General Fund. Approval of this recommendation will augment job training services, skills enhancement, and employment opportunities available to residents.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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APPROVED:

RICK H. WEST CITY/MANAGER