



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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May 15, 2007

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Los Angeles Harbor College (College) in the amount of \$150,000 to provide Process Plant Technology Training to prepare students for positions in the petrochemical industry for the period of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, and approve any subsequent amendments as needed to complete the contract.
(Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Targeting employment demand and career opportunities in the energy and oil refining sector in the Los Angeles Basin, the Workforce Development Bureau (Bureau) and the South Bay Center for Counseling collaborated last year with a consortium of community partners in the South Bay area of Los Angeles County on a petrochemical careers workforce development project (Project). The Project connects the need for new chemical process technicians at the Conoco-Phillips, Exxon Mobil, BP and Valero refineries with education and training opportunities for residents to gain access to those career paths. Entry-level wages in this field are \$22 to \$23 per hour.

The Bureau earmarked \$75,000 in training funds from its current Workforce Investment Act allocation to leverage grant activities through the South Bay Center for Counseling to sponsor tuition for 20 local residents in LA Harbor College's industry-approved process plant technology program. Through additional recruitment and partnership, the Bureau has been able to increase enrollment in the College this semester to 30 under- and unemployed young adults and adult residents.

The Bureau pays for college tuition and sponsorship of other training programs on an individual job-seeker basis via institutions on the State's Eligible Training Provider List. With the added 10 trainees, along with the potential for other additional enrollments before year's end, cumulative tuition paid to the College through the end of the year is expected to total \$150,000.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Gary J. Anderson on April 18, 2007 and Budget and Performance Management Manager David Wodynski on May 2, 2007.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on May 15, 2007 to process required documents.

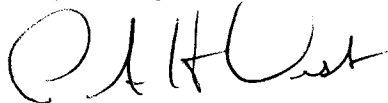
FISCAL IMPACT

Workforce Investment Act funding will be used to support this effort. Sufficient funds are currently budgeted in the Community Development Grants Fund (SR 150) in the Department of Community Development (CD). There is no impact on the General Fund.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED:



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CITY MANAGER