

**TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

Your JOBS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

reports as follows:

JOBS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the Program Year 2013-2014 Workforce Investment Act Worksource Center Operators Request for Proposals.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. NOTE and FILE the November 7, 2012 Community Development Department (CDD) report relative to the Program Year 2013-2014 Workforce Investment Act Worksource Center Operators Request for Proposals.
2. INSTRUCT CDD to report back and provide additional information on the following:
 - a. Definition of Partnership and emphasis on building partnership in anticipation of a decrease in funding.
 - b. Consideration of a Local Preference Ordinance.
 - c. Barriers to Service Providers in South Los Angeles.
 - d. Failure of operators to go into certain areas due to lack of analysis in the last decade.
 - e. Possible conflict for Worksource Centers who provide the training while being the funding recipients at the same time.
 - f. Correlation between training and unemployment (funding needs to go to communities that need it the most).
 - g. Alignment of the proposed \$1.1 million funding allocation in terms of need taking into account federal legislations and changes in future WIA funding.
 - h. Possibility of merging sites taking into account the cost for each Facility.
 - i. CAPE Certification.
 - j. Leveraged funding requirement.
 - k. City needs to know what direction the federal government is going to take so that the City can allocate and actually correct the balance to be equitable this time around and make up for past inequities.
 - l. Language (requirements) must reflect the reality that some communities don't have the same capacity as others to build partnerships.
 - m. Language should reflect that there is some uncertainty at the federal level as to how much funding is available and the pool of money providers would be able to compete for.
 - n. Language in the RFP that will provide a playing field.
 - o. Job training for the chronically unemployed.

- p. Issue of capacity building and how performance is measured.
- q. New operators being focused more on job placement rather than job training.
- r. Breakout the number of service providers who own their own facilities.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Not applicable.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On November 14, 2012, the Jobs and Business Development Committee considered the November 7, 2012 CDD report relative to the Program Year 2013-2014 Workforce Investment Act Worksource Center Operators Request for Proposals.

During the discussion representatives from the CDD, and Workforce Investment Board gave a brief background of the subject matter. The CDD was asked to report back and provide additional information based on the past 14 years that would assist in the proper distribution of funds in the City that is based on needs, taking into consideration the possibility of merging sites. It was stated during the discussion that with the potential restructuring of the Workforce Investment Fund, fund distribution may further impact the City in an adverse way in the next funding cycle. The importance to be anticipatory rather than reactionary was stressed mitigate impact on City residents.

Part of the information requested from CDD deals with providing assistance to areas in the City that has the greatest rate of unemployment, job training for the chronically unemployed, and the issue of capacity building and performance measurement. It was mentioned that partnership are hard to come by in some communities, and building of partnership should be emphasize in anticipation of a decrease in funding.

There was a mention of waiting on releasing the Request for Proposal due to the uncertainty of how the funding is going to be from the federal government. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended to note and file the November 7, 2012 CDD report and requested CDD to provide additional information based on the questions raised by the members of the committee. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

JOBS AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
GARCETTI:	YES
PARKS:	YES
LABONGE	YES

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