

**STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUNCIL  
GRANTS COMMITTEE  
APRIL 28, 2011, 10:00AM  
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
CONFERENCE ROOM 301C  
CONFERENCE CALL 317-233-9088**

**DRAFT**

Attending: Fred Merritt and Pete Kissinger

Also attending: Cynthia Simmons and Randy Gillespie from Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD), Tara Bradley and Nicole Thompson with EmployIndy and Bart Brown and Michelle Bowman with Region 9

Conference Calling: Jac Padgett, Kent Morgan, Cathy Metcalf, Josh Richardson and Randy Holmes

Absent: Sheriee Ladd and Beth Washington

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jac Padgett at 10:00am.

SWIC state business is being conducted.

Mr. Padgett entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 10, 2011. Mr. Merritt motioned to approve, Mr. Morgan seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

Mr. Gillespie announced Region 6 and Region 7 have both retracted their grant requests due to funding restraints. USDOL has cut 17% of the WIA allocation for PY2011. The statewide effort will not have any discretionary dollars to allocate due to this cut.

Mr. Bart Brown and Ms. Michelle Bowman presented the grant request for Region 9. The request was for \$125,000 for approximately 50 youth to participate in the summer Youth Work Experience program. The program is designed to provide information on job readiness, career exploration, financial literacy, secondary education, college and post-secondary educational opportunities and health education. It is a six to ten week program. Job placement or enrollment in further education is anticipated. Mr. Gillespie requested the region report back in 6 weeks on the program status. Mr. Padgett would like to have a Grants Committee meeting immediately following the full SWIC meeting on June 16, 2011 to review grant progress reports. Mr. Padgett entertained a motion to approve the request for \$125,000. Mr. Kissinger motioned to approve, Ms. Metcalf seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Ms. Tara Bradley and Ms. Nicole Thompson presented the grant request for EmployIndy. The request was for \$1,000,000 for a hiring and training fair. They seek to get one thousand participants employed in the month of August. Five hundred of the participants will receive industry relevant credentials. The event will be an invitation only event. The invitations will be sent to individuals who already participate in the WIA program. They will target two categories of participants: the first will be for people who already

have marketable skills and the second will be for people who need additional skills. Each participant will participate in a specialized boot camp tailored to their specific needs. By the end of the event, interviews will be scheduled for participants ready for the workforce. Ms. Metcalf would like more information on the difference between this event and the assessment tools and training the WorkOne offices already provide before approval is granted. Mr. Padgett stated any grant request for \$1,000,000 or over must go before the full SWIC for approval. Mr. Gillespie stated DWD does not have the money to fund this request due to the discretionary funds being cut by USDOL. He also stated Rapid Response dollars are available if the justification of the event reflects qualifications for Rapid Response funding. Mr. Padgett entertained a motion to deny the request as written. Ms. Metcalf offered a motion to deny as written, Mr. Merritt seconded the motion and the motion was approved to deny the request as currently written.

Mr. Padgett addressed the MOST Program request from the February 20, 2011 Grants Committee meeting. Due to the lack of further information and the funding cuts, Mr. Padgett entertained a motion to deny the request. Ms. Metcalf motioned to deny, Mr. Kissinger seconded the motion and the motion was approved to deny the request.

Mr. Gillespie would like to discuss funding options further with the Committee at the May 26, 2011 Grants Committee meeting before going before of the full SWIC. He would like to request the SWIC reduce the hold back from 25% to 5% in Rapid Response dollars. Mr. Gillespie would like the approval of the Grants Committee to do so before the next full SWIC meeting in June.

The next Grants Committee meeting is May 26, 2011 at 10:00am. The next full SWIC meeting is June 16, 2011 at 10:00am.

Mr. Padgett entertained a motion to adjourn. Ms. Metcalf motioned to adjourn, Mr. Holmes seconded the motion and the motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:58am.