

**STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUNCIL  
GRANTS COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 10, 2011, 10:00AM  
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA  
CONFERENCE ROOM 301A  
CONFERENCE CALL 317-233-3550**

**DRAFT**

Attending: Jac Padgett, Kent Morgan, Pete Kissinger and Fred Merritt

Also attending: Mike Barnes, Cynthia Simmons, Bill Clark, Sharleen Daniel, Randy Gillespie and Nancy Manley from Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD), Kathleen Randolph with Regions 2 and 3, Lisa Lee and Mike Smith with Region 7, Bill Miller and Tara Bradley with EmployIndy, Bart Brown with Regions 5 & 9 and Robin Minton with Region 1

Absent: Sheriee Ladd, Beth Washington and Josh Richardson

Conference Calling: Cathy Metcalf and Randy Holmes

Also Conference Calling: Barbara Street, Valerie Alexander and Melissa Leaming with Region 6

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

SWIC state business is being conducted.

Mr. Padgett rearranged the agenda due to lack of a quorum.

The Committee asked each region who received a grant to present a progress report on how they are utilizing the funds they were granted. The Committee wants to ensure the funding is helping the regions & is being utilized properly.

Ms. Valerie Alexander, Ms. Barbara Street & Ms. Melissa Leaming presented the progress report for Region 6. A request for \$977,207 was requested to help support staffing to assist the high numbers in the areas of Adult, Dislocated Worker & Youth (more specifically JAG) in their region. The funds have also helped individual participants improve their skills with training which will lead to job placement. The JAG funds have supported two JAG sites, Muncie Central High School and Blackford High School. It has also start-up a third JAG site, Connersville High School. Region 6 has enrolled 151 participants in Occupational Skills Training and helped placed 25 participants in full time employment. There is \$367,405.00 left in the granted funds.

Mr. Bill Miller presented the progress report for EmployIndy. A request for \$880,000 was requested to continue the YouthWorks Indy 2010 program. This program is designed to target low income youth in Marion County. The program had three components: work readiness, work experience and education. A total of 573 youth were served in the program. Over 500 youth received work readiness training and work experience. All granted funds have been expended.

Ms. Robin Minton presented the progress report for Region 1. A request for \$407,000 was requested to assist in saving the adult education system within Region 1. These funds helped reopen 10 sites where 400 students are being served. The sites reopened in September 2010. There is \$379,202 left in the granted funds. A second request for \$577,833 was requested to better prepare jobseekers for post secondary education and employment. The funds went towards staffing, intensive services, supportive services and training. All granted funds have been expended.

Ms. Kathleen Randolph presented the progress report for Region 2. A request for \$1,285,092 in discretionary funds was requested to support the delivery of skills training services to a growing number of Region 2 clients. 40% of the granted funds were for direct customer training; the other 60% were for staffing and fixed costs to deliver services. All granted funds have been expended. A second request for \$900,000 in rapid response funds was requested to support the delivery of dislocated workers services to a greater number of laid off workers in the region. 50% of the granted funds were for direct customer training, 47% were for staffing and fixed costs to deliver services and 3% were used on administrative activities. All granted funds have been expended.

Ms. Kathleen Randolph presented the progress report for Region 3. A request for \$1,298,713 in discretionary funds was requested to provide support the delivery of skills training services to a growing number of Region 3 clients. 30% of the granted funds were for direct customer training; the other 70% were for staffing and fixed costs to deliver services. All granted funds have been expended. A second request for \$400,000 in rapid response funds was requested to the delivery of dislocated workers services to a greater number of laid off workers in the region. Region 3 has trained 137 dislocated workers with the granted funds. There is \$111,567 left in the granted funds.

Mr. Bart Brown presented the progress report for Region 5. A request for \$675,000 was requested to allocate to the service provider, Interlocal Association. The funds were distributed between Adult, Dislocated Workers and Youth. Region 5 hired 8 staff with some of the funds as well. All granted funds have been expended.

Ms. Lisa Lee and Mr. Mike Smith presented the progress report for Region 7. A request for \$445,000 was requested to address the customer demand in Region 7. 34% of the funds allowed Region 7 to continue short-term training to clients to develop the skills needed to perform duties of the demand occupations in the region. The funds also allowed for a new phone system to be purchased in three of the WorkOne Centers. Projections indicate all funds will be expended prior to 6/30/11.

Mr. Bart Brown presented the progress report for Region 9. A request for \$633,000 was requested to assist with the client demand in Region 9. Region 9 was about to employ 12 additional staff to help clients. Training assistance was also provided to 132 clients at the cost of \$216,560 of the granted funds. All granted funds have been expended. A second request for \$27,439 was requested to provide funding for summer work experiences. Region 9 was able to place 21 youth to work with an average of \$1,285 spent per youth on wages and supportive services. All granted funds have been expended.

Region 11 was not present to report. The Committee requests their presence at the next meeting to report on their granted funds.

Mr. Padgett entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 28, 2010. Mr. Morgan motioned for approval. Mr. Kissinger seconds the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Padgett entertained a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 16, 2010. Mr. Merritt motions for approval. Mr. Morgan seconds the motions and it was approved.

Mr. Bill Miller, with EmployIndy, introduced the grant request for \$450,000 for a summer youth program. This is approximately half of the total program cost. This program will serve 220 – 225 youth. The funding will be discretionary funds thru June 2012. The Department of Workforce Development supports this program and feels this proposal is fair. Mr. Padgett entertains a motion to approve. Mr. Merritt motions to approve. Mr. Kissinger seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Mr. Gillespie introduced the grant request for the MOST program for \$60,000. Funds will be Rapid Response funds. This program will be delivered by TimeWise Management Systems and will provide professional services to 20 people at \$3,000 a person. All participants must be enrolled in the workforce investment system. There is a six month, non-renewable term with two payment points: 50% payment upon contract signing and 50% upon job placement of workers. Ms. Metcalf questioned why we would pay an independent company to do what the WorkOne centers already do with clients. Mr. Gillespie stated the company can guarantee job placement of clients and our WorkOne centers can not. Ms. Metcalf feels this is a duplicate service with what the regions already do. Mr. Padgett would like feedback from the regions. Mr. Kissinger would like some statistics on their prior performance. The Department of Workforce Development is looking at this program as a pilot program and another job placement tool. However part of the work would have to be completed by DWD staff in the WorkOne center. The enrollment would be done by the WorkOne but the placement would be done by the company. The other concern DWD has is the cost. Mr. Padgett would like TimeWise Management Systems to come to the next committee meeting to present their offer to the Committee and the interested regions. Mr. Padgett motions for the request to be tabled until further information is given from the company. The Committee unanimously agrees to table the request until further information is received.

The next full SWIC meeting is February 17, 2011 at 10:00am.

The meeting adjourned at 12:17pm.