

Executive and Finance Committees

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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

“Recovery Act” or ARRA

Recovery Act Priorities

- The systems implementation of the Recovery Act should yield not only increased services and training for workers in need, but also an invigorated, more innovative public workforce system capable of helping enable future economic growth and advancing shared prosperity.
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Recovery Act Priorities

- In a stronger, more comprehensive One-Stop system, adults move easily between the labor market and further education and training in order to advance in their careers and upgrade their contributions to the workplace, while disconnected youth are able to reconnect through multiple pathways to education and training that can enable them to enter and advance in the workforce.
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Federal Guidance

- ❑ Implement expeditiously and effectively
 - ❑ Full transparency
 - ❑ Accountability of expenditures
 - ❑ "...opportunity for the workforce system to advance its transformational efforts and demonstrate its full capacity to innovate and implement effective One-Stop service delivery strategies."
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Key features of Recovery Act

- ❑ Transparency and accountability
 - ❑ Expedited and effective use of funds, with expenditures made concurrently with regular formula funds
 - ❑ Emphasis on training and innovative and invigorated service delivery strategies
 - ❑ Emphasis on services for low-income, displaced and under-skilled adults, hard-to-serve populations and disconnected youth
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Key features of Recovery Act

- Needs-related payments
 - Provision of reemployment services
 - Green jobs
 - Connections to other federal Recovery Act investments
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What they are looking for

- ❑ Substantial increase in the numbers of customers served and receiving training
 - ❑ Investments connected to economic growth objectives through regional sector strategies aligned with Economic development and education
 - ❑ Development in high-growth industries such as green jobs, healthcare and advanced manufacturing
 - ❑ Dual customer focus: supply-side workers and demand-side business needs for skills and talent
 - ❑ Approaches to reach low-income and low skill customers in partnership with community-based organizations
 - ❑ Priority of services to veterans and eligible spouses
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Our Plan

Youth

- First Summer Youth Program in 12 years!
 - Includes paid work experience
 - “green awareness”
 - Increase in staff for SYP (1-2 temps)
 - School workshops
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Adult

- Increase training (#'s and \$\$)
 - Classroom, emphasis on “green”
 - Employed Worker Training
 - Registered apprenticeship programs
 - Increase support services
 - “drop-in” child care
 - Transportation
 - using external vendors to assist with target populations, i.e., individuals with disabilities
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Dislocated Workers

- Increase training (#'s and \$\$)
 - Classroom, emphasis on “green”
 - On-the-Job Training
 - Increase support services
 - Add “needs related payments”
 - On-site assistance with
Unemployment Compensation
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Businesses

- ❑ Increase Employed Worker Training, including #'s and \$\$
 - ❑ Increase On-the-Job Training, including #'s and length of time
 - ❑ “Employer” Training
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Strengthen One-Stop System

- ❑ Staff development, including fraud awareness
 - ❑ Increase and strengthen our Mini Career Links
 - ❑ Provide more services in remote communities
 - ❑ Additional staff to manage increase work load
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Strengthen One-Stop System

- Better organize/structure our resource rooms
 - Implement better screening procedures for businesses
 - Invest in enhancements without recurring expenses
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Monitoring/Reporting

- ❑ We will very specifically track all Recovery Act expenditures
 - ❑ Increase to external monitoring contract to include Recovery Act
 - ❑ Will be reviewed by up to eight external entities
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Allocations

Youth	\$1,347,602
Adult	\$508,256
Dislocated Worker	\$2,446,205
Universal	\$533,941

Budget considerations

- ❑ Estimated 35% to cover “fixed costs”
 - ❑ 50% (minimum) on training
 - ❑ Must spend formula funds at normal (required) rate while spending Recovery Act funds
 - ❑ We plan to have funds spent by 12/31/2010
 - ❑ Budget will be presented in June
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Other items

- Community Meetings scheduled mid-April
 - Plan due to the state June 30, approval scheduled for August
 - Business and educators breakfast in July
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Questions - Comments
