

September 21, 2010

Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

**SUBJECT: Health & Human Services Department, Social Services Division,
Employment & Training Branch: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Rapid
Response Funded Contract with Marin Economic Forum, a program of the
Center for Volunteer and Non Profit Leadership (New) FY 10-11 \$75,000**

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the award of \$75,000 in Workforce Investment Act (WIA) ARRA Rapid Response funds to the Marin Economic Forum and authorize the president to sign.

SUMMARY: The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) in partnership with the Department of Health & Human Services released a request for proposal for workforce development services for FY 2010-11. At their meeting on September 15, 2010, the WIB unanimously approved the allocation of \$75,000 in WIA Rapid Response funds to the Marin Economic Forum (MEF), a program of the Center for Volunteer and Non Profit Leadership.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES: The MEF will develop and coordinate research projects which will provide data regarding employment opportunities in Marin's major economic sectors, identify local workforce training needs, identify areas of business retention or expansion, identify possible funding streams and grant opportunities. With the availability of Marin-specific labor market data the WIB and the Marin Employment Connection network of agencies will be better positioned to support workforce development activities in Marin County.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT: The MEF will provide support in implementing research and programs that will increase educational attainment, career exploration and resources for Marin County's labor force.

FISCAL IMPACT: No impact on county general funds.

REVIEWED BY:	Department of Finance	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Human Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	County Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Respectfully submitted,

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