



Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board, Inc.

Business Competitiveness Committee Minutes January 6, 2011

Members Present: Michael McHugh, Committee Chairperson; John Hagen; Dr. Kathy Johnson; Bill Woodard

Members Participating via Teleconference: Rob Aguis, Thomas Barb, Bill Gerhards

Members Absent: Steve Sacone

Staff and Guests: Jerome Salatino, Kenneth W. Russ, Dave Hamilton

Meeting was called to order by Michael McHugh, Chair, at 2.04 p.m.

Business Meeting

Action/Discussions Items

Approval of minutes from November 4, 2010

Motion was made to approve the minutes by Bill Woodard and seconded by Dr. Johnson. Motion was approved unanimously.

Recommendation for EWT RFP for Industry Specific Training

Jerome reviewed the background of the EWT RFP for Industry Specific Training and explained that there are EWT funds in the amount of \$40,000 that are un-obligated. There are also funds, estimated at \$40,000, which have been allocated to employers for EWT but not used. It is recommended that these unused funds, plus the un-obligated funds, estimated total of \$80,000, be used for Industry Specific Training as outlined in the EWT RFP for Industry Specific Training. Motion was made to approve the Recommendation for the EWT RFP for Industry Specific Training by Dr. Johnson and seconded by Bill Woodard. Motion was approved unanimously.

Business Competitiveness Goals – Update

The goals of the Business Competitiveness Committee from December 2010 were provided as information to the Committee.

Region 16 Employment and Workforce Overview Report – Examples of Online Report Version

Previously the Committee suggested that this Workforce Overview Report be made available online, as well as by way of subscription. An example of a Subscription Page was reviewed by the Committee. They suggested including sections to allow a subscriber to request data not currently provided, to identify their intended use of the data, and to offer overall feedback on the value of the data provided.

Use of Legislative Agenda for better, more accurate reporting of Labor Market data

Since some local businesses process their payroll outside of Florida, their employment statistics are not reflected in the local Labor Market data. In an effort to more accurately report on the local labor market, it was suggested that through our Legislative Committee this issue be brought to the attention of local and regional government officials. The Committee supported this and the topic will be addressed at the next Legislative Committee Meeting.

Public Comments

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3.39 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 3, 2011, 2.00 p.m.
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