

**CWI SPECIAL INNOVATIONS PROPOSALS
AD HOC REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

High Priority Projects (In Rank Order)

Rank	Project Title & Applicant	Project Description and Area Covered	Funds Requested
1	Advanced Manufacturing Efficiency & Productivity Improvement <i>(Racine Area Manufacturers and Commerce)</i>	Increase efficiency/productivity of workers and workplaces in southeast region by addressing and integrating education/training supply chain across workforce development, tech colleges, UW System schools and employers (increase number of CNC operators, launch resume posting services targeted to manufacturing, develop/refine career pathways in CNC machining, increase access to managerial training).	\$100,000
2	Technology Based Job Centers <i>(Southwest WDB)</i>	Develop a technology-based "Virtual" workforce delivery system that can be used as an alternative to current facility-based job centers in rural areas (Southwest, North Central, and Northwest WDAs).	\$100,000
3	Regional Distance Learning for Training in Career Pathways <i>(South Central WDB)</i>	Establish a distance learning platform within South Central region to support training in Career Pathways in high growth/high demand occupations/emerging industries, including delivery through Job Centers	\$100,000
4	Second Chance Partnerships Program <i>(Partners in Education/Generac)</i>	Expand existing manufacturing company based training program to empower at-risk high school students to create personal goals and graduate with high school diploma.	\$100,000
Total High Priority Fund Requests			\$400,000

Medium Priority Projects (In Rank Order)

Rank	Project Title & Applicant	Project Description and Area Covered	Funds Requested
5	Industrial Retention and Renewal <i>(WRTP)</i>	Respond to needs assessment of more than 300 union shops in Wisconsin by building capacity of local workforce development systems through development of workplace leadership teams and action plans for modernization, education/training, new technologies/processes, etc.; provide incentives for workplace improvements, and identify connections to resources to help implement plans.	\$100,000
6	Dislocated Workers Healthcare Career Ladders <i>(Bay Area WDB)</i>	Support eligible dislocated workers entering healthcare ladder through the Bay Area WDBs practical nursing program and establish a career ladder through the baccalaureate level.	\$100,000
6	Project First Aid <i>(CESA #3)</i>	Increase access to Health Services Youth Apprenticeship program by providing "one-stop" site for students and parents to learn about and enroll in CNA classes and find employment, including creating a secure online application system and on-line repository LMI, professional development and communications for partners (linked to CESA 3 website)	\$50,000
7	Tracking Environment Supporting Sustaining Accountability <i>(West Central WDB)</i>	Develop and disseminate a state-wide, regionally based performance management and accountability system integrated with DWD ASSET system (maintain secure host site, provide help desk/system programming support, staff training, subscription structure).	\$100,000
Total Medium Priority Fund Requests			\$350,000

Low Priority/Not Recommended

Rank	Project Title & Applicant	Project Description and Area Covered	Funds Requested
Low	Regional Workforce Market Analysis & Metrics Project (West Central WDB)	Develop needs assessment process to determine appropriate one-stop/job center service system design and capacity to meet employer/job seeker needs (market analysis, GROW grant consumer surveys, resource data collection, comparative data analyses, etc.)	\$100,000
Low	Industry Clusters Analysis (Fox Valley WDB)	Complete study focused on industry clusters in WDAs rural areas to identify deteriorating employment trends and recommendations to change direction.	\$50,000
Low	Handprint Initiative (Western WDB)	Develop "handprint" of 7 Rivers Region competitive advantages to set economically driven workforce strategies (focused on retaining/attracting "young" talent)	\$20,000
Low	Board to Board Connectors (WAJTE)	Enhance communication between WDBs and other workforce system partners through installation of video conferencing system in each WDA.	\$100,000
Low	Demand Driven Job Center Data Collection (Fox Valley WDB)	Develop an electronic data/swipe card system to gather information on general public customers using core services in Job Center/Resource Rooms/Career Centers to reduce wasted steps and duplication.	\$27,500
Low	Adaptation to Change Management for Employers & Employees (Bay Area WDB)	Prepare Northeast WI workplaces and local leaders to work together towards identified common goals in advancing skills and systems for changing economy (training, information dissemination, connecting private sector and job center partners)	\$100,000
Low	Manufacturing Alliance (Bay Area WDB)	Support development/growth of Manufacturing Alliance in 18-county New North Region by providing programs and advertising to improve image of manufacturing, including outreach to k-12 students. This would solidify existing structure, bring in additional partners, benchmark other manufacturing advancement groups, identify/share best practices.	\$50,000
Low	Multi-Media Career Information Campaign (Wolf River School to Work)	Disseminate career information to youth, adults career seekers and educators as part of the efforts of Shawano Job Center, eight school districts, and Shawano/Clintonville Workforce Development task force.	\$64,000
Low	Diversity Outreach Initiative (Milwaukee Center for Independence)	Assist workers with disabilities find full time employment (partnership development with Milw Job Center network, etc.; electronic job registry to track and disseminate job opportunities; identify/create labor pool of job seekers who have disabilities; increase employer knowledge about workforce diversity; place 100 persons with disabilities into employment).	\$100,000
Low	Transitioning to Success (Enrichment Opportunities Institute of Training)	Provide vocational training in technology and establish transitional jobs program in back office high production areas of data entry and other clerical work projects (Business Process Service Centers) targeted to W-2, offenders and chronically unemployed.	\$100,000
Total Low Priority Fund Requests			\$711,500

Not Allowable WIA Activity/Not Reviewed

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NA	Progressive Exposure to Engineering Resources Program <i>(Milwaukee Academy of Science)</i>	Expand PEER (develop STEM training program beginning with grade 6 Lego Robotics and extending through grade 12 Project Lead the Way; Expand existing middle school program and implement PLTW in high school, purchase additional equipment, increase collaboration with corporations, universities, engineering associations in Milw.)	\$100,000
NA	Geothermal Training Initiative <i>(Gateway Technical College)</i>	Curriculum development and delivery of associate degree program in Geothermal Systems (establish advanced technical certificates, adapt drilling curriculum, develop hybrid associated degree program, train installers/service technicians)	\$100,000