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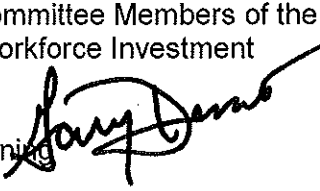


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Date: November 12, 2009

To: Dislocated Worker Subcommittee Members of the  
Governor's Council on Workforce Investment

From: Gary Denis, Director  
Bureau of Workforce Training 

Subject: Materials for November 17, 2009 Meeting

This is information for your review prior to the Dislocated Worker Subcommittee Meeting on Tuesday, November 17.

Included are:

- The meeting agenda.
- Retraining Grant Requests.

If you have any questions regarding the materials, please feel free to call Annette Nekola at (608) 267-7145.

Thank you.

**Jim Doyle**  
Governor

**Tim Sullivan**  
Chair



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# Council on Workforce Investment

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## Dislocated Worker Subcommittee Meeting

November 17, 2009

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Teleconference

State Labor Building (GEF 1), Conference Room H305

201 E. Washington Avenue, Madison, WI

1. Call to Order – Chair
2. Retraining Grants – Annette Nekola
  - a. Funding availability
  - b. Retraining Grant requests – **Action**

Request A	Southeastern Wisconsin WDA
Request B	Milwaukee County WDA
Request C	Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington WDA
Request D	Fox Valley WDA
Request E	North Central Wisconsin WDA
Request F	Northwest Wisconsin WDA
Request G	West Central Wisconsin WDA
Request H	Western Wisconsin WDA
Request I	Southwest Wisconsin WDA
3. Other Business – Chair

### To access this meeting:

By phone: Local and long distance callers dial 1-877-411-9748, and enter access code 650 3994 followed by the # key.

In person: Interested parties can attend at the State Labor Building (GEF 1) , 201 E. Washington Avenue in Conference Room H305. The building and all meeting rooms are handicap accessible. Please register for the CWI-Dislocated Worker Subcommittee meeting at the Customer Service Desk in the lobby.

For questions about the meeting, contact Annette Nekola at the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Division of Employment and Training, (608) 267-7145, email [Annette.Nekola@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Annette.Nekola@dwd.wisconsin.gov).

If you have special needs such as an interpreter or written materials in large print, please contact Kristy Budde at (608) 266-9199, email [Kristy.Budde@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:Kristy.Budde@dwd.wisconsin.gov). Text phone users should call the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System at 711 to request assistance.























2. *For participants currently enrolled in the dislocated worker program, who have been assessed and have training needs identified but for whom the WDA does not have adequate funds to allow the participant to begin training in January, 2010.*

Funds requested:

<b>Quarter Ending</b> (figures are cumulative)	<b>3/31/2010</b>	<b>6/30/2010</b>
Participants in Retraining	26	27
Training Expenditures	\$19,857	\$19,857

Number of applicants waiting for dislocated worker services other than training (enrollment, job search assistance, etc.).

**Dislocated Worker Special Response Retraining Grant Application**

*Special Response Retraining Grants provide funds to assist the retraining of dislocated workers from small layoff events which would otherwise not be eligible to be served under a regular Special Response Grant. Retraining grants are limited to the direct costs of occupational classroom training (tuition, fees, books and other required supplies). No administrative or staff costs may be included.*

*Funds may be requested for two categories of participants:*

- 1. Participants currently enrolled in a training program and for whom the WDA does not have adequate funds to allow the participant to continue in training after 12/31/2009.*
- 2. Participants currently enrolled in the dislocated worker program, who has been assessed and have training needs identified but for whom the WDA does not have adequate funds to allow the participant to begin training in January, 2010.*

**Program Identification Summary**

Program Operator: Workforce Connections, Inc. Phone: 608-789-5620

Address: 402 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street La Crosse, WI Zip: 54601

Contact Person: Beth Sullivan, Director of Planning and Marketing

Official Signatory: Jerry Hanoski

**Grant Period:** Start Date: 1/1/09 End Date: 6/30/10

Provide a brief narrative describing the status of available dislocated worker program resources, including current expenditures and obligations and any transfers from/to adult programs and other relevant information that supports your request.

As of October 27, 2009 we have ceased any further obligations of WIA dislocated worker funds because we are fully expended/obligated; and have begun putting participants on an unmet needs list based upon the priority of service provisions in our approved WIA plan.

We continue to have a steady flow of dislocated workers especially in the La Crosse Job Center with case manager appointment schedules still backed-up as far as two weeks. The back log in the case manager appointment queue appears to be exacerbated by other issues as: impending winter season and increased heating and expense costs; expiring UC benefits; and increasing noticeable stresses of lengthened unemployment.

In our approved WIA plan, we did submit a 30% transfer request for several clearly justifiable reasons. The result of the request is a \$166,032 transfer from the dislocated worker into the adult program. The adult program is also nearly fully expended/obligated as well. With the transfer request factored in the dislocated worker formula grant is currently expended at \$151,610.51 with an additional \$180,453 in obligations. This level represents 100% expended and obligated through October 2009.

The Special Response grant is currently expended at \$111,910.38 with obligations of \$104,139 through December 2009. This level represents 85% expended and obligated through October 2009.

The participant training budget has been fully expended as of October 2009.

Dislocated Worker ARRA funding is 73% expended as of October 2009 with an additional \$97,204 in obligations through June 2010. This level represents 100% expended and obligated through October 2009.

Once again, we have implemented cost control measures for all dislocated worker funding sources, including no further costs to be obligated for the balance of the fiscal year, and interim reduced funding guidelines.

### **Retraining Grant Quarterly Activity and Expenditure Plans**

1. *For participants currently enrolled in a training program and for whom the WDA does not have adequate funds to allow the participant to continue in training after 12/31/2009.*

Funds requested: \$87,615.00

<b>Quarter Ending</b> (figures are cumulative)	<b>3/31/2010</b>	<b>6/30/2010</b>
Participants in Retraining	101	27
Training Expenditures	\$73,865.70	\$13,750.00

2. *For participants currently enrolled in the dislocated worker program, who has been assessed and have training needs identified but for whom the WDA does not have adequate funds to allow the participant to begin training in January, 2010.*

Funds requested: \$9,815

<b>Quarter Ending</b> (figures are cumulative)	<b>3/31/2010</b>	<b>6/30/2010</b>
Participants in Retraining	14	14
Training Expenditures	\$9,815	0

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#### Program Identification Summary

Program Operator: Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board Phone: 608-342-4220

Address: 1370 N. Water Street Platteville Zip: 53818

Contact Person: Amy Charles, Director of Operations

Official Signatory: Robert Borremans, Executive Director

**Grant Period:** Start Date: 12/1/09 End Date: 6/30/10

Provide a brief narrative describing the status of available dislocated worker program resources, including current expenditures and obligations and any transfers from/to adult programs and other relevant information that supports your request.

The Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board is applying for funding in each of the two categories available. Due to a record number of dislocated workers seeking services, we will be short approximately \$350,000 for existing dislocated workers who need training assistance for the Spring 2010 semester. The availability of ARRA dollars allowed SWWDB program operators to serve additional clients in the dislocated worker program for the 2009 Spring and Fall semesters, however those dollars have now been depleted, which correlates to the approximately 175 individuals that were served under DW ARRA now without funding in our programs.

The following chart shows a breakdown of SWWDB dislocated worker expenditures through 9/30/09:

Training	Plan	YTD	Difference	Percent	
D. Worker- Includes ARRA	992,516	980,054	12,462	98.74%	
SRR	77,500	44,624	32,876	57.58%	
NEG	1,490,000	1,417,291	72,709	95.12%	
Total	2,850,552	2,699,266	151,286	94.69%	

Rock County in particular continues to suffer small numbers of dislocations from a variety of employers, a result of the tough local economy since the departure of the auto industry in the area.

### **Retraining Grant Quarterly Activity and Expenditure Plans**

1. *For participants currently enrolled in a training program and for whom the WDA does not have adequate funds to allow the participant to continue in training after 12/31/2009.*

Funds requested: \$346,700

There are two waiting lists attached which total 175 clients, for category 1.

<b>Quarter Ending</b> (figures are cumulative)	<b>3/31/2010</b>	<b>6/30/2010</b>
Participants in Retraining	175	173
Training Expenditures	\$346,700	\$346,700

SWWDB continues to provide core services to individuals through our resource rooms including access to workshops on job seeking and resume writing, and access to the pre-assessment workshop.

2. *For participants currently enrolled in the dislocated worker program, who have been assessed and have training needs identified but for whom the WDA does not have adequate funds to allow the participant to begin training in January, 2010.*

**There are currently 113 people on the SWWDB waiting list that do not have other fund sources available to them, we have estimated a per person need for this group of \$1500 for the Spring 2010 semester. We anticipate an additional 60-75 individuals being added to the wait list before the start of the Spring 2010 semester for a total of 190 clients on the waiting list.**

Funds requested: \$237,500

<b>Quarter Ending</b> (figures are cumulative)	<b>3/31/2010</b>	<b>6/30/2010</b>
Participants in Retraining	190	190
Training Expenditures	\$285,000	\$285,000

Number of applicants waiting for dislocated worker services other than training (enrollment, job search assistance, etc.).

**SWWDB and our partners continue to provide resource room services to all interested parties, this includes job search assistance, job seeking workshops and our assessment tools being available to all.**