

**NEW YORK CITY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Meeting of June 22, 2006

At the New York City Department of Small Business Services
110 William Street, 7th Floor

MINUTES

Members in Attendance:

Kenneth Adams	Kathleen McGovern Kearns
Reg Foster (via phone)	Stuart Saft
David Margalit (for R. Walsh)	

Also Present:

Susan Arroyo	Alicia Noel
Rebecca Brown	Bonnie Potter
Chris Cesarani	Jean Seltzer
Tony Dell'olio	Cristina Shapiro
Brian Egan	Marilyn Shea
Omer Mohammed	

Stuart Saft, Chair, called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the April 27, 2006 Committee meeting were approved.

Staten Island Business Solutions Center Contract Authorization

Michael Hecht, Assistant Commissioner for NYC Business Solutions at the New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS), reported that the Research Foundation of the State University of New York requested release from its contract with SBS to provide business services at the Staten Island Business Solutions Center. Mr. Hecht introduced a resolution authorizing SBS to assign the contract to the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce for a thirteen month term. The reassignment of the contract would allow for the uninterrupted continuation of business services at the Staten Island Business Solutions Center. The Committee approved the resolution.

Presentation on Workforce Development Initiatives

David Margalit, SBS Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development, delivered a presentation on several workforce development initiatives: the Mayor's Commission on Construction Opportunity; Adult Special Populations Contracts; and a Citywide Prisoner Re-entry Initiative. First, Mr. Margalit briefed the Committee on the Mayor's Commission on Construction Opportunity, which was established to increase the representation of minorities and women in the construction industry and to prepare disadvantaged New Yorkers for participation in the construction trades. To support this Mayoral initiative, Mr. Margalit recommended that the Committee approve the use of \$725,000 in Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds to support a pre-apprentice program for New York City Housing Authority residents, administered by Construction Skills 2000 (CS2K). Additionally, Mr. Margalit recommended that the Committee approve the use of \$250,000 to fund a program with East Harlem Employment Service, Inc. (STRIVE) that provides basic work environment skills and contextualized learning services in the construction trades for New Yorkers with significant barriers to employment.

Second, Mr. Margalit reported that eleven Adult Special Populations contracts, which are administered by SBS to provide services to low income adults with barriers to employment, were set to expire on September 30, October 31, and November 30, 2006. Mr. Margalit recommended that nine of the eleven contracts be extended through June 30, 2007. Those nine contractors, he stated, had achieved performance ratings of Excellent, Very Good or Satisfactory, whereas the two not recommended for extension had received less than satisfactory ratings.

Third, Mr. Margalit briefed the Committee on a citywide prisoner re-entry initiative that provides case management, transitional employment and workforce services to inmates discharged from Rikers Island. The Rikers Island Demonstration Project, he noted, is supported by the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, the Department of Correction and the Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Margalit recommended that the Committee approve the use of \$473,000 to fund one additional year of the project in order to build upon the existing infrastructure and lessons learned and to place an estimated 204 ex-offenders into employment.

Mr. Margalit introduced four resolutions to authorize: the pre-apprentice program in construction with CS2K; the contextualized construction training program with STRIVE; the extension of nine Adult Special Populations contracts, and the one-year investment in the Rikers Island Demonstration Project. The Committee approved all four resolutions.

WIA FY07 Budget Update

Alicia Noel, SBS Budget Director, presented an update on New York City's Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I-B budget for Fiscal Year 2007 (FY07). Ms. Noel reported that the New York State Department of Labor (SDOL) issued planning estimates for New York City's FY07 WIA funding allocations. According to the estimates, New York City anticipates a total WIA Title I-B allocation of \$83.5 million, representing a 13.8% reduction from FY06. Ms. Noel reported that the projected allocations for individual funding streams (rounded to the nearest hundred thousand) were as follows: Adult, \$29.3 million; Dislocated Worker, \$17.3 million; Administration, \$8.4 million; In-school Youth, \$20.0 million; and Out-of-school Youth, \$8.6 million. She also stated that carry-in from FY06 was estimated at \$16.9 million, which, when added to projected FY07 allocation of \$83.5 million, gives New York City an estimated \$100.4 million in total available funds for FY07. Ms. Noel emphasized that all FY07 figures were estimates given that SDOL had not yet confirmed the City's actual FY07 WIA allocations. Once those allocations are confirmed, SBS and the Department of Youth and Community Development will make recommendations to the Committee on FY07 programmatic priorities.

Conclusion

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.