

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD ON THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) ADULT, DISLOCATED WORKER, AND YOUTH PLANS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$3,993,840 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009 FOR ETCS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN NOTICE OF GRANT AWARDS; AMENDING THE BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN DELEGATE CONTRACTS

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 2, 2008

WHEREAS, enabling workers to acquire the skills necessary to succeed in the fast-changing global economy of the 21st Century is the foundation for the Governor's No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) initiative; and

WHEREAS, having an adaptive, highly skilled workforce is central to Michigan's strategy for economic transformation; and

WHEREAS, the NWLB initiative aligns all federal workforce dollars used for worker training into a unified workforce development strategy; and

WHEREAS, the NWLB gives Michigan workers the opportunity to acquire the skills they need to win good-paying jobs in today's global economy by reorganizing and augmenting federal funds currently used for workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) was mandated in 1998 and is the primary funding source for the NWLB initiative; and

WHEREAS, the WIA provides the framework for a unique national workforce preparation and employment system designed to meet both the needs of businesses and the needs of job seekers and those who want to further their careers; and

WHEREAS, there are three (3) separate funding sources under the WIA: (a) the Adult Program; (b) the Dislocated Worker Program; and (c) the Youth Program; and

WHEREAS, eligible participants could include Washtenaw County residents and employers for core services under the Adult Program, as the WIA system is a universal system; and

WHEREAS, eligible participants under the Dislocated Worker Program or Youth Program could include individuals displaced from employment and unable to find employment or low-income youth who are between 14 and 21 years of age and have significant barriers to employment; and

WHEREAS, ETCS is the administrator and operator of workforce development programs in Washtenaw County and is funded by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, the United States Department of Labor (USDOL), and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) to provide employment, training, placement, and other workforce development services; and

WHEREAS, ETCS is also referred to as the local Michigan Works! Agency (MWA); and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board (WDB) and the Board of Commissioners (BOC) oversee, recommend and approve employment and training programs throughout Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board (WDB), Corporation's Counsel, the Finance Department, Human Resources, the County Administrator's Office, and the Ways and Means Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners (BOC) hereby ratifies the signature of the Chair of the Board on the ETCS (Employment Training Community Services department) Program Year (PY) 2008 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth Program Plans in the total amount of \$3,993,840 for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, as on file with the County Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby takes the following actions contingent upon receipt of the grant award in conformity with the application:

1. Authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award
2. Amending the budget as attached hereto and made a part hereof
3. Authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts upon review and approval of Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk.