

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON THE ETCS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) CAREER ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNT (CAA) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$74,626 FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 5, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008; \$37,313 IN WIA CAA DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FUNDS AND A WIA MATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,313. 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

September 17, 2008

WHEREAS, the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) was implemented in 1998 to address workforce development and employment training to meet the needs of businesses, job seekers and those who want to further their careers; and

WHEREAS, the WIA is the primary funding source for Governor Granholm's No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) initiative announced in August 2007, an ambitious plan to train 100,000 citizens in three (3) years for jobs in high demand occupations and emerging industries or entrepreneurial endeavors; and

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

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board (WDB) and the Board of Commissioners oversee, recommend and approve employment and training programs throughout Washtenaw County delivered by the ETCS, also referred to as the local Michigan Works! Agency (MWA); and

WHEREAS, the MDLEG has identified \$1,500,000 in WIA Statewide Activities funding that will be leveraged against a \$1,500,000 statewide demonstration grant from the USDOL for the Career Advancement Account (CAA) Demonstration Project distributed to nine (9) Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs), including the Washtenaw County MWA/ETCS, for incumbent and dislocated worker training programs within the automotive industry; and

WHEREAS, this represents \$37,313 in WIA CAA demonstration project funds, with current WIA Dislocated Worker and Incumbent Worker funds added to individual accounts on a case by case basis; and

WHEREAS, funds will be used to pay for expenses directly related to education and training, tuition, or the cost of the program, including books or fees associated with education or training, as selected by the participant; and

WHEREAS, training received using CAA funding will be focused on high-growth, high-demand occupations; 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 hereby ratifies the signature of the Chair of the Board on the ETCS Career Advancement Account (CAA) Demonstration Project in the amount of \$74,626 for the period of February 5, 2008 through June 30, 2008, 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.