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TO: Jeff Irwin, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Tenda Rusher, Executive Director
Employment Training and Community Services Group

DATE: September 7, 2005

SUBJECT: Ratifying the Chair of the Board's signature on the 2005
Employment Services Plan Application to the Michigan
Department of Labor and Economic Growth

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Employment Training and Community Services (ETCS) is requesting the ratification of the Chair of the Board's signature on the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth's plan application for the Employment Services Program for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 in the amount of \$507,446; authorizing the County Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award; approve the budget; authorizing the County Administrator to sign delegate contracts.

BACKGROUND:

By the then Governor Engler's Executive Order 1997-12, dated August 6, 1997, the Michigan Employment Security Agency (MESA, formerly known as MESC) began a massive reorganization. Michigan's new Employment Services serves employers and job seekers under State direction, through grants to local Michigan Works Agencies, administered locally by the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board. The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) reorganized the Michigan Employment Security Agency by splitting the services once provided by MESA into two entities: the Unemployment Agency and the Employment Services Agency. The Unemployment Agency is responsible for the Unemployment Insurance Program and located in the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services. The Employment Services Agency is responsible for the Employment Services and Labor Market Information Programs and located in the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. Labor Market Information and related functions were transferred to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. While the

MDLEG provides central administrative and policy staff service, the employment services field operations have been decentralized and integrated through the local Workforce Development Boards (WDB) and their One-Stop Centers.

DISCUSSION:

In the past two years, 2003 – 2005, Washtenaw County has suffered many mass layoffs or business/plant closures. Manufacturing, retail and information technology have been hardest hit. With the most recent economic turnaround, it has become an employers market making securing employment very difficult for the job seeker. Additionally, employment that pays a living wage continues to be an issue coupled with a job seeking labor force at unusually high levels creates competition for higher paying positions thus increasing the length of time it takes to secure employment.

Washtenaw County intends to serve approximately 9,000 job seekers over this period. These services include basic labor exchange, accessibility to internet-based self service electronic labor exchange, participation in the nation-wide system for clearing labor between the states, operating the local component of the ES complaint system, providing TAA/NAFTA services including employment registration, vocational testing, job development, supportive services, on-the-job training, classroom training, self-directed job search, job search allowances, and relocation allowances.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

The requested Board action has no impact on Washtenaw County positions, personnel policies or procedures.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

The requested Board action will approve the Employment Training and Community Services Group's FY 2005 Employment Services budget. There are no County funds, nor match required for this program.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

There are no indirect costs associated with this budget.

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

The requested Board action has no impact on other County departments or outside agencies.

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

The requested Board action is in conformity with County policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

2005 ES Plan
2005 ES Budget

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE 2005 EMPLOYMENT SERVICES PLAN APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2005 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$507,446 FOR THE EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD; AMENDING THE BUDGET, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE DELEGATE CONTRACTS.

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 21, 2005

WHEREAS, by Executive Order 1997-12, dated August 6, 1997, the Michigan Employment Security Agency, Employment Service, Labor Market Information and related functions were reorganized; and

WHEREAS, while the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth will continue to provide central administrative and policy staff, most employment service field operations have been decentralized and integrated with the Workforce Development Boards; and

WHEREAS, the Employment Training and Community Services Group will serve employers and job seekers under State direction, through grants to local Michigan Works! Agencies, administered locally by the Washtenaw County Workforce Development, and

WHEREAS, the Employment Training and Community Services Group is required to submit an application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth for the 2005 Employment Services plan funds, and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board, Corporation Counsel, Finance, 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 ratifying the Chair of the Board's signature on the 2005 Employment Services Plan application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, in the amount of \$507,446 for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 for the Employment Training and Community Services Group, as on file with the County Clerk.

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

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

Washtenaw County ETCS
Fund #2490 - Employment Service
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2006
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	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues			
50000 Federal Revenue	\$0	\$507,446	\$507,446
Expenditures			
80000 Other Service & Charges	\$0	\$507,446	\$507,446