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TO: Jeff Irwin
Chair, Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Trenda Rusher
ETCS Director

DATE: July 5, 2006

SUBJECT: 2006 Annual Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Capacity Building
and Professional Development Plan

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners ratify the Chair of the Board's signature on the 2006 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Capacity Building and Professional Development Plan in the amount of \$24,000 for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

BACKGROUND:

The Workforce Investment Act was mandated on August 7, 1998. The Act 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.

ETCS is the administrator and operator of Employment and Training programs in Washtenaw County. The department receives funds from the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), the Department of Labor (DOL), and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) to provide employment training and placement services. The Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board and the Board of Commissioners oversee, recommend and approve employment and training programs for Washtenaw County through ETCS.

DISCUSSION:

The MDLEG has identified funding to increase proficiency in meeting WIA performance measures, assist in meeting local program goals, and provide for ongoing system development. Activities supported by this funding will address the goals of the local Strategic Plan and needs of local employers for a trained workforce.

In the past, MDLEG provided funds directly to the Michigan Works! Association to provide capacity building and professional development services to the local Michigan Works! Agencies. This year, the MDLEG is passing the monies through to the local Michigan Works! Agencies, which in turn will contract with the Michigan Works! Association for capacity building and professional development services.

The Michigan Works! Association is Michigan's statewide workforce development association. It provides public information, technical assistance, training and marketing services to its members.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

None

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

The requested Board action will approve the ETCS FY 2006 WIA Capacity Building and Professional Development budget. There are no County funds, nor match required for this program.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

None

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

None

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

The requested Board action conforms with County policies.

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) 2006 CAPACITY BUILDING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$24,000 FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2006 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007 FOR ETCS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN NOTICE OF GRANT AWARDS; APPROVING THE BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN DELEGATE CONTRACTS.

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 5, 2006

WHEREAS, ETCS is the administrator and operator of employment training programs in Washtenaw County and it is funded by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, the Department of Labor, and the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) to provide employment training and placements services; and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Act was implemented in 1998 to address workforce training and job training, replacing the Jobs Training Partnership Act (JTPA) initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board and the Board of Commissioners oversee, recommend and approve employment and training programs throughout Washtenaw County delivered by the Employment Training and Community Services Group, also referred to as the Michigan Works! Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Act 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, the MDLEG has identified Capacity Building and Professional Development funding to increase proficiency in meeting WIA performance measures, assist in meeting local program goals, and provide for ongoing system development; and

WHEREAS, in the past MDLEG provided funds directly to the Michigan Works! Association to provide capacity building and professional development services to the local Michigan Works! Agencies; and

WHEREAS, this year the MDLEG is passing the monies through to the local Michigan Works! Agencies, which in turn will contract with the Michigan Works! Association for capacity building and professional development services; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board, 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 authorizes the signature of the Chair of the Board on the Employment Training and Community Services 2006 Workforce Investment Act Capacity Building and Professional Development Plan in the amount of \$24,000 for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007, 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. Ratifying the County Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award
2. Approving 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.

Washtenaw County ETCS
WIA Capacity Building and Professional Development
7/1/2006 - 6/30/2007
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		Current Budget	Revised Budget	Variance
Revenues				
50000	Federal Revenue	\$0	\$24,000	\$24,000
Expenditures				
80000	Other Services & Charges	\$0	\$24,000	\$24,000