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TO: Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Tenda Rusher, Director
ETCS

DATE: February 6, 2008

SUBJECT: Disability Program Navigator (DPN) Initiative

Board Action Requested:

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners ratify the signature of the Chair of the Board on the ETCS plan application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) for the Disability Program Navigator (DPN) Initiative for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 in the amount of \$20,524.

Background:

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. Having an adaptive, highly skilled workforce is central to Michigan's strategy for economic transformation. The Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (MDLEG) is the state department that is charged with overseeing the NWLB program. In September of 2005, the MDLEG/Bureau of Workforce Programs (BWP) submitted a proposal to the U.S. Department of Labor-Employment and Training Administration (USDOL-ETA) in response to a SGA for a Work Incentive Grant (WIG).

In June 2006, the DLEG/BWP received a Notice of Award letter from the USDOL-ETA, for approval of a federal WIG under the authority of the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA), for \$1,500,000 to fund the DPN Initiative from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2008. WIA was mandated on August 7, 1998 and 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. This will be the second year that ETCS will administer the DPN initiative.

Discussion:

ETCS is the administrator and operator of employment and training programs in Washtenaw County. It 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. The Washtenaw County Workforce

Development Board (WDB) and the Board of Commissioners (BOC) oversee, recommend and approve employment and training programs throughout Washtenaw County. ETCS is also referred to as the local Michigan Works! Agency (MWA).

For PY 2007, WIG funds will be used in support of local capacity building and staff training. Capacity building and staff training will include, but not be limited to, training of One-Stop Center staff and Workforce Development Board members on reasonable accommodation resources and strategies for individuals with disabilities. Training relevant to disability etiquette, WIA Section 188 non-discrimination regulations, Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, and the Americans with Disability Act provisions may also be offered.

In PY 2006, ETCS received \$10,000 of WIG funds. The Washtenaw County MWA/ETCS utilized these in support of local capacity building training. Training sessions were conducted for over forty (40) One-Stop Center and Workforce Investment Board staff members. Training topics included reasonable accommodation resources and strategies, disability etiquette and non-discrimination regulations and acts. Seven (7) half-day training sessions were conducted covering these topics over the course of several dates to ensure minimal interruption to services.

For PY 2007, ETCS will receive \$20,524 of WIG funds, which is an increase of \$10,524. ETCS expects to utilize the PY 2007 WIG funds for ongoing capacity building and staff training. Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs) may pool their capacity building and staff training funding in order to increase new and ongoing partnerships to expand their workforce development systems' capacity to serve individuals with disabilities.

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 ETCS PY 2007 Disability Program Navigator (DPN) initiative budget, in the total program amount of \$20,524. 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:

PY 2007 Disability Program Navigator (DPN) Initiative Budget

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD'S SIGNATURE ON THE 2007 ETCS PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2007 DISABILITY PROGRAM NAVIGATOR (DPN) INITIATIVE PLAN APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH (MDLEG) FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,524 FOR THE ETCS 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

February 20, 2008

WHEREAS, ETCS is the administrator and operator of Employment and Training programs in Washtenaw County; and

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

WHEREAS, enabling workers to acquire the skills necessary to succeed in today's 21st Century knowledge economy is central to Michigan's strategy for economic transformation and is the foundation for the Governor's No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) initiative

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

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (MDLEG)/Bureau of Workforce Programs (BWP) received a Notice of Award letter from the USDOL-ETA, for approval of a federal WIG under the authority of the federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA), for \$1,500,000 to fund the DPN Initiative from July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2008 to assist the NWLB program,

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 ratifies the Chair of the Board's signature on the ETCS Program Year (PY) 2007 Disability Program Navigator (DPN) initiative plan application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG), in the amount of \$20,524 for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, 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
 No Worker Left Behind (NWLB)
 Disability Program Navigator (DPN)
 Period of 07/01/07 – 06/30/08
 Business Unit: 2320079140

Revenues		Original Budget	Revised Budget	Variance
50000	Federal Revenue	\$0	\$20,524	\$20,524
Expenditures		Original Budget	Revised Budget	Variance
80000	Other Services and Charges	\$0	\$20,524	\$20,524