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TO: Barbara Levin Bergman, Chair
Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Trenda Rusher, Director
ETCS

DATE: July 2, 2008

SUBJECT: Employment Services (ES) Program

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 (MDLEG) and Economic Growth for the Employment Services (ES) Program Plan for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in the amount of \$489,955.

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 (ES) Program serves employers and job seekers under State direction through grants to local Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs), administered locally by the Washtenaw County Employment Training and Community Services (ETCS) Department and the Workforce Development Board (WDB).

The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG) reorganized the Michigan Employment Security Agency (MESA) 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 MDLEG. Labor Market Information and related functions were transferred to the MDLEG. While the MDLEG provides central administrative and policy staff service, the employment services field operations have been decentralized and integrated through the local WDBs and their Michigan Works! Agency (MWA) One-Stop Centers.

DISCUSSION:

In the past several years, Washtenaw County has suffered both mass layoffs and business/plant closures. Manufacturing, retail and information technology have been hardest hit. 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 for the region. This creates competition for higher paying positions thus increasing the length of time it takes to secure employment.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 07, Washtenaw County ETCS received \$490,216 in Employment Services (ES) Program funds. For FY 08, ETCS will receive \$489,955, which is a decrease of \$261. With the FY 08 funds, ETCS intends to serve approximately 9,000 job seekers over the program period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, which is the same planned number of job seekers as FY 07. These services include, but are not limited to, basic labor exchange, accessibility to internet-based self service electronic labor exchange, participation in the nation-wide system for clearing labor between the states and operating the local component of the Employment Services (ES) system.

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 FY 2008 Employment Services (ES) plan. There are no County funds, nor match required for this program.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

Indirect costs are not included in 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:

FY 2008 ES Program Plan
FY 2008 ES Budget

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD ON THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2008 EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (ES) PROGRAM PLAN APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH (MDLEG) FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$489,955 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

July 2, 2008

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 (MDLEG) will continue to provide central administrative and policy staff, most employment service field operations have been decentralized and integrated with the Workforce Development Boards (WDBs); and

WHEREAS, ETCS is required to submit an application to the MDLEG for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Employment Services (ES) program plan funds, and

WHEREAS, ETCS will serve employers and job seekers under State direction, through grants to local Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs), administered locally by Washtenaw County ETCS/ the Workforce Development Board, and

WHEREAS, ETCS plans to serve approximately 9,000 job seekers over the program period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and

WHEREAS, services include, but are not limited to, basic labor exchange, accessibility to internet-based self service electronic labor exchange, participation in the nation-wide system for clearing labor between the states and operating the local component of the ES system, and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board (WDB), 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 signature of the Chair of the Board on the ETCS Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Employment Services (ES) Program Plan application to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (MDLEG), in the amount of \$489,955 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 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
Employment Services
Chart of Accounts / Budget
Business Unit: 2490089100
07/01/08 – 06/30/09

		<u>Original</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues				
50000	Federal Revenue	-	489,955	489,955
Expenditures				
80000	Other Services and Charges	-	489,955	489,955