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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: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Capacity Building and Professional Development

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:
It is requested that the Board of Commissioners ratify the signature of the County Administrator on the ETCS application for the Program Year (PY) 2008 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Capacity Building and Professional Development Plan to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in the amount of $24,000.

BACKGROUND:
The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) was mandated on August 7, 1998. It 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 workforce development 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, placement, and other workforce development services. The Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board (WDB) and the Board of Commissioners (BOC) oversee, recommend and approve workforce development programs throughout Washtenaw County through ETCS.

DISCUSSION:
The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth (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.

MDLEG is passing the monies through to the local Michigan Works! Agencies, who 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.

In Program Year (PY) 2007, ETCS received the same amount of funding ($24,000) for WIA Capacity Building and Professional Development.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:
The requested board action has no impact on Washtenaw County positions, personnel or procedures.

IMPACT ON BUDGET:
The requested Board action will approve the ETCS Program Year (PY) 2008 WIA Capacity Building and Professional Development budget. 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 has been reviewed by the Washtenaw County Workforce Development Board, the County Administrator's Office, Corporation Counsel, the Office of Finance, and the Human Resources Department. The action is in conformity with County policies.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:
Program Year (PY) 2008 WIA Capacity Building and Professional Development Budget

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD ON THE ETCS APPLICATION FOR THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) PROGRAM YEAR (PY) 2008 CAPACITY BUILDING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND ECONOMIC GROWTH FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF $24,000; 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 2, 2008

WHEREAS, ETCS is the administrator and operator of employment training programs in Washtenaw County and 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 (WIA) 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 (WDB) and Board of Commissioners (BOC) oversee, recommend and approve employment, training, and other workforce development programs throughout Washtenaw County delivered by ETCS (Employment Training and Community Services department), also referred to as the Michigan Works! Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) 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, 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 (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 (BOC) hereby authorizes the signature of the Chair of the Board on the ETCS Program Year (PY) 2008 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Capacity Building and Professional Development Plan for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 in the amount of $24,000, 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.

Washtenaw County ETCS
Summary Budget
WIA Capacity Building
Business Unit: 2320089110
07/01/08 – 06/30/09

		Original	Revised	Variance
Revenues				
50000	Federal Revenue	$0	$ 24,000	$ 24,000
Expenditures				
80001	Other Services & Charges	$0	$ 24,000	$ 24,000