

**Item 4.a. Discussion:** That the State Board, at its March 16 meeting, delegate to the Executive Committee authority to act on behalf of the full Board to make recommendations to the LWDA Secretary on One-Stop procurement and adult/dislocated worker career services.

### **Procurement of AJCC Operators and Career Services Providers**

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) requires all local workforce development boards (local boards) to conduct an open and competitive procurement process in order to select their America's Job Centers of California (AJCC) operators and career services providers. The State Board and Employment Development Department developed state level guidance (**WSD 16-14**) which outlines the procurement guidelines and the process that must be followed if a local board desires to be either the AJCC Operator or the career services provider for the WIOA adult and dislocated worker funds.

WIOA allows Local Boards to be the AJCC Operator, and/or provide Adult and Dislocated Career Services, but also requires authorization/approval from the Chief Local Elected Official (CLEO) and the Governor. In California, the Labor and Workforce Development Agency Secretary, David Lanier, is authorized to act on behalf of the Governor. In order to be considered for designation as an AJCC Operator and/or Career Service Provider, the Local Board and CLEO must have submitted a Request for Approval to the State Board by March 1, 2017. The State Board will review the applications and provide the LWDA Secretary with a recommendation for action.

There are two separate applications that Local Boards can complete. If a Local Board is seeking to be the AJCC Operator (the entity that coordinates the service delivery of the required AJCC partners and service providers and ensures implementation of the MOU) or the Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services provider (the entity providing basic and individualized career services) the Local Board must seek approval. The State Board has received:

4 Applications for Local Boards to be designated the WIOA adult and dislocated worker career services providers (attachment 1)

23 Applications for Local Boards to be designated the AJCC Operator (attachment 2)

State Board staff are in the process of reviewing and analyzing the applications to ensure that procurement guidelines have been followed, that there is community and partner support, that the CLEO has approved the application and that appropriate firewalls have been put in place (in accordance with Title 20 CFR Section 679.430), for demonstrating internal controls and preventing conflicts of interest. The recommendation of the State Board staff will be completed by the end of March. Because Local Boards must be informed of the Secretary's decision on these applications by May 1, 2017, and all AJCC operators and career service providers are required to be in place by July 1, 2017, **staff is recommending that the State Board, at its March 16 meeting, authorize the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the State Workforce Board to make recommendations to the LWDA Secretary regarding approval of request for Local Board to be the AJCC Operator and/or Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services Provider.**

**WSD16-14: Selection of AJCC Operators and Career Service Providers**

<b>Attachment 1 – AJCC Operator</b>	<b>Attachment 2 – Career Service Provider</b>
Sonoma WDB (no board chair or cleo signature)	Riverside WDB
Richmond	Anaheim WDB (no board chair or cleo signature)
Mother Lode	San Joaquin WDB (no cleo signature)
	South Bay WDB
	Foothills WDB
	Imperial WDB
	SELACO WDB
	Verdugo WDB
	Monterey WDB
	Yolo WDB
	Golden Sierra WDB
	San Bernardino County WDB
	Stanislaus WDB
	Solano WDB
	Kern, Inyo, Mono WDB
	Merced WDB
	Contra Costa WDB (no board or cleo signature)
	Santa Ana WDB
	SETA WDB
	Kings County WDB
	Richmond WDB
	Madera WDB
	NOVA WDB