



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 8/20/2019

File #: 19-1098

To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Administrative Office

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Second Amendment to the Services Agreement between the County of Humboldt and the Humboldt County Office of Education

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the Chair of the Board, or Designee, to sign the Services Agreement Amendment as attached hereto in substantial form; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board to return an executed copy of the attached amendment to the Executive Director of the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board (HC-WDB).

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Department of Labor and the California Employment Development Department

DISCUSSION:

On Feb. 27, 2018, your Board entered into a contract agreement with the Humboldt County Office of Education to develop and implement the Humboldt Trades Academy to deliver curriculum, project-based learning, connection to employment and construction trades occupations through a mobile classroom to rotate between all high schools in Humboldt County.

The Humboldt Regional Trades Project has been initiated and is modeled after the successful Slingshot Healthcare Project, with industry at the center, driving strategies and outcomes. In the spring of 2017, the Northern Humboldt High School District announced that a very successful Career Technical Education program called Building Trades was being dissolved. The Building Trades program had provided high school students the opportunity to participate in building a house from the ground up, annually. The program had tremendous support from industry and local business across Humboldt and concern for the loss of this valued program was voiced at a subsequent school board meeting. In response, industry was invited to a roundtable discussion facilitated by an industry champion from O & M Industries and the HC-WDB Chair.

Key Priorities emerged from the discussion, leading to three working groups:

- 1) Rebranding/marketing trades careers;
- 2) Seed funding and sustainability; and
- 3) Development of a regional training program.

The planning goals for this effort to be covered through Aug. 30, 2019, are as follows:

1. Developing and implementing a Regional Trades Marketing Campaign. Marketing materials will be developed and pushed out through media, social media, classrooms, school counselors and the Education at Work program.
2. Development of a Regional Trades Training Program. Dynamic discussions are occurring between industry leaders and education providers; however these discussions are preliminary and exploratory at this point. The model that emerges may include;
 - Freshman (introductory course)-Career exploration, laying the foundation for the pathway
 - Sophomore (concentrator course)-Continued career exploration and hands-on learning in shop classes
 - Junior and Senior (capstone courses)-Part classroom teaching and part on-site rotations at a variety of industry worksites. Ideally courses would include dual enrollment and pathway alignment with College of the Redwoods.
3. Hiring a Regional Industry/Education Trades Liaison. Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) will hire credentialed staff with a background in the Trades industry and education to provide ongoing coordination and support for the Humboldt Regional Trades Project.
4. Pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs. Continued research will occur to determine the most appropriate model for Humboldt County.
5. Create career track alignment between K-12 and College of the Redwoods. Efforts will take place to identify dual enrollment opportunities and create improved alignment.
6. Seed funding and Sustainability. Funds to support the project will be provided through grants, community/industry contributions, donor funds, in-kind match, and partner resources. Outreach and research will be ongoing to identify additional partners, resources and opportunities.

Since the approval of this Agreement, there has been great success in reaching most of the goals in this proposal. A marketing campaign has been developed and circulated. The Regional Trades Training program has been developed and a Regional Industry/Educational Trades Liaison was hired to coordinate the project. Planning Goal No. 4, 5 and 6 are areas that need additional time and support to build capacity for Humboldt County Office of Education's newly developed program.

This extension will provide Humboldt County Office of Education the use of these grant resources to support the Redwood Resource Rally. The Redwood Resource Rally is an annual event hosted in Scotia, CA that provides 200 high-school aged students with career exploration in the Timber and Construction Industries. This event is scheduled to occur in September 2019. This extension will also assist HCOE in further developing staff, enhancing the Summer Bridge Program, and provide mentorship opportunities for students. Accordingly, staff recommend that your Board approve an amendment to the agreement to allow for an term extension of one month from Aug. 30, 2019 to Sept. 30, 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total amount of this agreement is not to exceed \$385,320. Funding for this agreement have already been included in fiscal year 2019-2020 budget for budget unit 1120-287- Workforce Development. Funding for the contract comes from Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act funds.

There is no impact to the General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by engaging in discussions of our regional economic future .

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Humboldt County Office of Education

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Your Board may choose to not approve this amendment, however that is not recommended as funding would be returned to the state, rather than used for programmatic implementation.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Professional Services Agreement by and between County of Humboldt and Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) for 2018-2020
2. First Amendment to the Services Agreement by and between County of Humboldt and Humboldt County Office of Education for 2018-2020.
3. Second Amendment to the Services Agreement by and between County of Humboldt and Humboldt County Office of Education for 2018-2020.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

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