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Local Area: Humboldt LWDA

Project Name: County of Humboldt Offshore Wind Supply Chain and Worker Readiness Program

Date Submitted: 06/02/2023

The Additional Assistance Application has been reviewed for completeness. The submission includes the required elements:

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□ Exhibit E: Budget Summary / Expenditure Plan
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☐ New Application	
Project Name: County of Humboldt Offshore Wind Supply Chain and Worker Readiness Program	
AA Project Request: $648,500	
Project Term Dates: 6/1/2023-06/30/2025	
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High-Level Executive Summary: *1 page max*:

This application is to request $648,500 to implement phase 2 of the Humboldt Offshore Wind Supply Chain and Worker Readiness Programs.

The "County of Humboldt Offshore Wind Supply Chain and Worker Readiness Program" is designed to seed and nurture workforce efforts over the entire Offshore Wind (OSW) project lifecycle. This program will be administered by the County of Humboldt's Economic Development Division in tandem with the Humboldt County Workforce Development Board. Staff will work with program beneficiaries to develop and sustain supply chain businesses as well as develop an emerging OSW workforce by providing grant, loan and technical assistance.

The workforce list for OSW is extensive and has the potential to affect workers across most construction and skilled trades, but also will have far reaching affects across ancillary industries including medical, housing, childcare, etc. The workforce directly associated with OSW includes, but is not limited to, manufacturing, fabrication, welding, construction, and safety. OSW has the potential to create as many as 4000 new jobs in our region.

The County of Humboldt is currently requesting funding for Phase I of the "County of Humboldt Offshore Wind Supply Chain and Worker Readiness Program," the Humboldt LDWA proposes the procurement and completion of targeted analysis for local and regional Offshore Wind Supply Chain needs assessments and local and regional Offshore Wind Workforce needs assessments. Based on the findings of these assessments, updates to the Humboldt County local and regional plans will be necessary. To further support the updates to the Humboldt County Regional and Local Plans, we will be engaging with a consultant(s) for workforce visioning and strategizing, intended to strengthen our partnerships, processes and programs.

In order to meet the demands of OSW, Humboldt must plan strategically for the development of a trained, ready, and equipped workforce. Equally important is readying and preparing supply chain employers who can train, hire, and sustain OSW employees. To ensure educated and targeted programs, travel, training, and education of staff, partners, and Workforce Development Board members will be necessary.

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Initial stakeholder interest engagement will begin through OSW focused events with local, national and international businesses intending to participate in local workforce development and supply chain. It has also been determined that there is a critical need to develop comprehensive stakeholder mapping, which will then inform who is handling which workforce and employer elements of the transition to OSW in our community. Helping to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts and remaining as effective and flexible as possible.

Additionally, as Humboldt County prepares to perform the above-mentioned OSW analysis the need for robust civic engagement and public education has been defined as essential to the successful normalization of OSW in our community. We also recognize that through consistent public outreach we will be able to prepare the next generation for jobs in OSW industry. To also ensure that public outreach includes regular and consistent employer and worker outreach, and education Humboldt County will be adding a staff position to support engagement and education, through the development and operation of an Offshore Wind Community Education Center.

Once Phase I is completed, Phase II will encompass the planning and creation of workforce and business capacity building programs. Phase III will be the implementation of those workforce and business support programs.

The goal of the three phases of the County of Humboldt Offshore Wind Supply Chain and Worker Readiness Program to train up to 200 workers in the skilled trades necessary to participate in this new industry, as well as support the creation of training pipelines, which can then be utilized to train more workers, as future funding and capacity becomes available. This program will provide support to up to 50 businesses looking to upscale to participate in the OSW supply chain, including offering training for incumbent workers to increase their skillsets to what will be required for OSW.

Targeted populations for these workers will be focused on displaced workers, potentially seeking employment and retraining due to events such as the collapse in the legal cannabis marketplace, or natural disasters such as, fire, flood, storms, and earthquakes. Additionally, target populations will be focused on helping those who are traditionally amongst the most disenfranchised and underrepresented populations, such as, local Native Indians, women, BIPOC, and LGBTQA+ individuals.

5/31/2023

Local Area Executive Director Signature — Date

June 2nd, 2023

Janet Neitzel — 6/28/2023

EDD Field Division Chief Signature *(New applications only)* — Date