

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JUNE 12, 2000

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF PASADENA, ARCADIA, DUARTE, MONROVIA, SIERRA MADRE, AND SOUTH PASADENA TO FORM A CONSORTIUM TO RECEIVE FUNDS UNDER THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the adoption and execution of the attached Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the cities of Pasadena, Arcadia, Duarte, Monrovia, Sierra Madre, and South Pasadena, and authorize the Mayor to execute said Joint Powers Agreement on behalf of the City. The purpose of the JPA is to form a consortium to become a recognized local area to receive and administer job training funds under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

BACKGROUND:

On August 7, 1998, President Clinton signed the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) into law to replace the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) of 1983. JTPA will sunset on June 30, 2000, and WIA must be implemented on July 1, 2000. This change requires modifications in the local governance, administration, and service delivery of federally funded job training programs.

Under JTPA, a Joint Powers Agreement established a six-city consortium known as the Foothill Employment and Training Consortium (FETC) and designated the Foothill Private Industry Council (PIC) to act as the body to provide ongoing guidance and monitoring of JTPA. The original JPA also established a Policy Board (one elected official from each of the six cities) to act as the Chief Elected Official.

WIA requires that local workforce areas be established to receive these federal funds; the Act also establishes categories of entities that may qualify as local areas. One category is single units of local government or consortiums of multiple units of local government meeting the following requirements: a) having an aggregate population of 200,000 or more, b) be a current service delivery area under JTPA, and c) successful program performance and fiscal integrity. FETC qualifies under this category.

The Act also requires that a Workforce Investment Board (WIB) be established in each local area to oversee and monitor the operation of WIA funds. The WIB is assigned essentially the same role with similar membership requirements as the PIC under JTPA.

At its meeting of February 14, 2000, the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Foothill PIC to act as the Workforce Investment Board in the conduct of WIA transition

activities, such as the approval of the Five Year Strategic Plan, and to implement provisions of WIA when it becomes effective on July 1, 2000. In the Agenda Report of February 14, 2000, staff informed the Council that the resolution needed to be approved by the other five cities in the Foothill Consortium, and that following such approval, a revised Joint Powers Agreement would be brought before the Council for its review and approval. The other five cities have approved the resolution.

The attached Joint Powers Agreement is only marginally changed from the JPA approved for JTPA. The primary changes involve the substitution of WIA terminology for JTPA language. The revised JPA specifies the roles and responsibilities of the Policy Board under WIA.

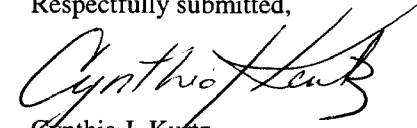
One important change to the JPA is that the purpose of the agreement has been expanded to include the implementation of education, employment and training programs other than WIA. The original JPA applied only to JTPA funds. Since the original JPA was signed, FETC has been awarded funds for other programs such as Welfare to Work. The revised JPA will give FETC clear authority to administer these additional funds.

Like the resolution, the revised JPA must be approved by all six cities in the consortium.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No City funds will be used in this project. WIA is federally funded. This action will enable the receipt of over \$3 million in federal funds for job training programs in the Foothill area.

Respectfully submitted,



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