September 27, 2011

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

PROPOSED RETROACTIVE AGREEMENT WITH MEXICAN AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY FOUNDATION FOR OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR ADULTS AND OLDER YOUTHS UNDER THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT AND NATIONAL FARMWORKER JOBS PROGRAM
Fiscal Impact: $857,250; Federal Grant; Budgeted; Discretionary

At your meeting on June 28, 2011, your Board received and filed notification of retroactive approval of Subgrant Agreements between the County of Kern and various training providers, including Mexican American Opportunity Foundation, to operate occupational skills training and supportive services for the year beginning July 1, 2011.

Mexican American Opportunity Foundation's occupational skills training programs will provide bookkeeping, clerical and medical assistant training for adults and older youths. In addition to providing occupational skills training, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation will administer the Support Services program for our Workforce Investment Act participants, including processing referrals from Employers' Training Resource, providing vouchers and/or cash aid to participants, and working with the various vendors associated with the program. The term of the Agreement is July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012. The procurement and contracting process prevented Employers' Training Resource from seeking Board approval until today.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the attached retroactive agreement with Mexican American Opportunity Foundation for occupational skills training and Supportive Services from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, in an amount not to exceed $857,250 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Very truly yours,

Verna Lewis
Director

Attachment

cc: County Administrative Officer