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NEMO WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING

June 23, 2011

MEMBERS:

WIB EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Kelly Hardcastle (by phone)
Clarice Hill
Terri Jones (by phone)
Jo Moncrief
Bonnie Seehase

CLEO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Arden Engelage (by phone)
Glenn Turner

WIB STAFF

Mark Fuqua
Casie Baumann
Sharon Hillard
Linda Studer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Bonnie Seehase called the June 23, 2011 NEMO Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Executive Committee meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Five members of the NEMO WIB Executive Committee were present and a quorum was established. Two members of the CLEO Executive Committee were present and a quorum was established.

DISCUSS THE REQUEST TO APPEAL THE SELECTION OF WIA CONTRACTOR FOR FUNCTIONAL LEADERSHIP AND STAFFING FOR THE SUB REGIONS OF HANNIBAL, MOBERLY AND KIRKSVILLE

Bonnie asked if everyone had received and reviewed the letter of appeal sent to NEMO WIB Director Mark Fuqua from Gamm, Inc. All members indicated that they had. Bonnie said it was her understanding that the NEMO Workforce Investment Board has decision making authority, and that the NEMO WIB Executive Committee also has decision making authority, whereas the remaining NEMO WIB Committees only have the authority to recommend. She asked if everyone agreed with that understanding. The members replied that they agreed. She then opened the floor for discussion of the letter of appeal.

Kelly Hardcastle asked if one of the One-Stop Committee members was offered a job from MERS/Goodwill Industries. The answer was no. Arden Engelage was concerned with the low estimation of rent MERS/Goodwill Industries had in their budget. Glenn stated that it was their best estimation. Bonnie said all proposers had the opportunity to review the same information. Jo Moncrief addressed the embezzlement issue. She stated that at the time the Committee made the recommendation, they were unaware of the issue (they were made aware at the June 6 meeting). When she became aware of the issue, she made some contacts and was told by reliable individuals that they were comfortable with the safe guards MERS/Goodwill Industries had put in place. She added that other WIBs had provided references for MERS/Goodwill with knowledge of the issue. Glenn said he spoke with the Director of the Southeast Region WIB June O'Dell and was told that they are pleased with the functional leadership and staffing services MERS/Goodwill Industries has been providing for them the past seven years. Ms. O'Dell said initially they had some concerns which were addressed very well. Glenn said the WIB's ultimate concern must be for the citizens of our region.

Bonnie read a letter to the committee which had been hand-delivered to Mark Fuqua from Gamm, Inc. on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 requesting the opportunity for Patti Meldrum and Grover Gamm to address the Board and to formally submit their appeal at the NEMO WIB meeting on June 27, 2011. Bonnie then read the following language from the WIB's Request for Qualification that clarifies how appeals are to be submitted: (Page 26, Bullet M)

- M. Responding organizations have the right to appeal any action or decision related to this RFQ. Appeals must be submitted to the NEMO Workforce Investment Board in writing and will be reviewed and investigated by the Board. The decision of the NEMO

Workforce Investment Board in such situations shall be final. Organizations wishing to make a formal appeal should do so in writing to:

Mark Fuqua, Executive Director
NEMO Workforce Investment Board
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Glenn Turner said he felt the RFQ process had been fairly executed. Kelly Hardcastle agreed.

Kelly Hardcastle moved that Gamm, Inc. not be allowed to formally submit their appeal at the NEMO WIB meeting on June 27, 2011. Jo Moncrief seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken of the WIB Executive Committee and CLEO Executive Committee and the motion passed unanimously.

Bonnie asked if the members felt it was necessary to review all the points listed in the letter of appeal again or if they had any questions. Clarice asked for clarification of the question about the process of the RFQ. Casie Baumann said the motion made by the WIB at the March WIB meeting did not outline the process of the RFQ. The process of the RFQ was outlined in the RFQ itself and that was what was followed. Glenn noted that it was stated at the May 16, 2011 WIB meeting by Steve Krause from DWD that the decision to award should be based on lowest and best.

Kelly Hardcastle moved that the WIB deny the appeal submitted by Gamm, Inc. Jo Moncrief seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken of the WIB Executive Committee and CLEO Executive Committee and the motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Jo Moncrief moved to adjourn the meeting. Clarice Hill seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40 a.m.

Submitted by,

Jo Moncrief