

**NEW YORK CITY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
TRAINING COMMITTEE**

Meeting of October 18, 2005

**At the New York City Department of Small Business Services
110 William Street, 7th Floor Board Room**

Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance:

Rocco Damato	John Mogulescu
William Janowitz	Howard Van Jones
Deborah King	

Also Present:

Dan Barasch	Katy Gaul
Rebecca Brown	Charles Houston
Chris Cesarani	Lisa Laudico
Tony Dell'olio	Jacqueline Maxwell
Brian Egan	Bonnie Potter
Alinda Franks	Mia Simon
Celeste Frye	

Rocco Damato, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 7, 2005 Training Committee meetings were approved.

NYC Business Solutions Training Grant Program

Lisa Laudico, Assistant Commissioner of the NYC Business Solutions Hiring and Training unit of the New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS), reported that the Workforce Development Corporation, which administers the NYC Business Solutions Training Grant program, had received a high volume of inquires and sixteen complete applications for customized training grants. In order to meet growing demand and to manage the program at scale, Ms. Laudico recommended that the Committee approve a Request for Applications (RFA) process for the Training Grant Program. Anthony Dell'olio, Deputy General Counsel at SBS, introduced a resolution to authorize the RFA process for the NYC Business Solutions Training Grant program. The Committee approved the resolution unanimously.

Training Provider Performance Criteria

Ms. Laudico presented recommendations to modify the performance criteria that training providers must achieve in order to remain eligible for receipt of Individual Training Account (ITA) vouchers. Ms. Laudico stated that the goal of the proposed changes was to improve the quality of training and the job placement prospects for ITA customers. Mr. Dell'olio introduced a resolution requiring training providers to demonstrate a 75% completion rate for individuals

enrolled in a training course. He introduced a second resolution requiring training providers to demonstrate a 50% job placement rate based on the number of individuals who enroll in a course. This replaced an earlier definition of the job placement rate based on the number of individuals who complete a course. Both resolutions were approved by the Committee. The first was to become effective on November 1, 2005 and the second was to take effect on January 1, 2006.

Workforce1 Career Center Customer Survey

Katy Gaul, Senior Policy Advisor at SBS, presented the Committee with the results of the Workforce1 Career Center Survey, which was conducted by SBS' Workforce Development Policy & Planning unit. The survey was drawn from the responses of 1,612 customers at five Workforce1 Career Centers located in Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens, Manhattan, and Staten Island. The Committee reviewed data on customers' reasons for visiting the Career Centers, sources of referral, and expectations of service times.

USDOL Proposal

Ms. Gaul briefed the Committee on a grant proposal submitted to the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) for the Hispanic/Limited English Proficient Worker Initiative. The proposal, which was developed by the WIB in partnership with SBS, 1199 SEIU and Cooperative Home Care Associates, posited an innovative model for training Hispanic workers with limited English proficiency for jobs in home healthcare. Ms. Gaul reported that there was a great deal of collaboration among the four partner organizations.

Conclusion

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.