



Business and Economic Development Committee

Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board

June 18, 2009 4:30 p.m.

MAN-TRA-CON Office

Family Opportunity Center

120 Southtowne Shopping Center

DuQuoin, IL 62832

Minutes

Members Present: William Armstrong, John Alongi, Leo Childers, Robert Mees, Rodney Cabaness, Mary Ellen Bechtel, Rex Cusumano, John Hammack, Jim McPhail, Janice McConaughy and Mary Roe.

Members Absent: John Alongi, John Hammack, Richard Morris and John Rendleman.

MAN-TRA-CON Staff Present: Rosie Robinson

Call to Order

SIWIB Chair Mary Roe called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Roll call was given and a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Roe requested a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 28, 2009. Mary Ellen Bechtel made the motion to accept the minutes. Rex Cusumano provided the second. All members were in favor.

Orders of the Day

Staff Representative, Rosie Robinson, introduced Kevin Graham of Noteworthy Group d/b/a beautifuldisplays.com. Kevin had originally submitted an application for an IWT contract at the previous meeting and was invited to come before the committee to answer specific questions about his application. Mr. Graham gave a brief history about Noteworthy Group and discussed the path the company is planning with regards to upgrading the skill set of his two employees. The company catalogs were given to the members that showcased the company's work and products. Mr. Graham explained the in house requirements with the CAD software and the complications associated with learning all of the different suppliers and their equipment specs. Mr. Graham produced reports that will be used to train one of his employees using the Filemaker Pro software and the process that will be used. After much discussion from the committee members, Rex Cusumano made a motion to award an IWT contract in the amount of \$6,000.00 to the Noteworthy Group. Dr. Robert Mees offered a second and all committee members voted in favor. Motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a request for a reevaluation of a current contract amount. Originally Midwest Internet/The School Center had requested an incumbent worker contract in the amount of \$1,050.00. The company had originally submitted an invoice for Crystal Reports training in the amount of \$1,350.00. That is the cost for only one employee. If two employees participate in the training, an additional \$850 is required making the request at 75% and the contract amount to change to \$1,650.00. A copy of the invoice was provided to the group showing this corrected amount. Leo Childers made a motion to amend the original award and approve this new contract amount. Janice McConnaughy provided a second. All members voted in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Armstrong noted there were no matters from the floor or public comments. A motion to adjourn was offered by Chairman Armstrong. A motion made by Dr. Robert Mees and seconded by Rex Cusumano. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.