Louisiana Workforce Investment Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 23, 2011, 9:30 a.m.
Louisiana State Police Training Academy
7901 Independence Blvd
Baton Rouge, La 70806

Members of the Council Present:
Chairman, Charles Moniotte
Charles "Buck" Vandersteen
Jerome Eynard, Designee for Craig Roussel
Exec. Director Curt Eysink
Eddie Rispone
Brian Gautoeaux Designee for Hilda Curry
Jacqueline Beauchamp
Jason Dedon
Jim Urdiales
Lisa Vosper Designee for Comm Jim Purcell
Jimmy Sawtelle Designee for Dr. Joe May
Darryl Ward, Designee for John Young
Jorge Tarajano
Julie Cherry
Karen Zoeller Designee for Kathy Bobbs

Katrina Thomas
Keith Brand
Louis Reine
Martha Manuell
Jim Patterson Designee for Michael Mittemnight
Michael Palamone
Joe Salter, Designee for Ollie Tyler
Glennys Naro, Designee for Terry Baugh

Members of the Council Absent:
Alden Andre
Art Favre
Rep. Cameron Henry
Senator Elbert Guillory
Ginger Laurant
Janet Durden
Keith Myers
Sen. Neil Riser
Rep. Patricia Haynes Smith
Ronald Williams
Sec. Stephen Moret

Richard Noles
Secretary Ruth Johnson
Stafford Palmieri
Richard Gremillion – Resigned
Tom O’Neal
Sec. James LeBlanc

Guests in Attendance
Penny Collins, LWIA 21
Terri Mitchell LWIA 83
Gloria Abels, LWIA20
Kelly Eby, LWC
Cynthia Douglas, LWIA21
Jacques Lasseigne, LWC
Phyllis Dupres, LCTCS
Courtney Breaux, LWIA41
Glenn Dugas, Laf, WIB
Candy Geroce, Cameron
Raj Jindal, LWC
Patty Granier, LWC
Tina Johnstone, LWIA 41
Susana Schower, LED
Jay Augustine, LWC

Sondra Redmon, WIB60
Albertha Cain, LCTCS
Kate McCandy, LWIA83
Missy Grimmert, LWC
Brenda Hubbard, WIB40
Randy Doucet, LRS
Mike Morris, LWIA 40
Bryan Moore, LWC
Mike Morris
Phyllis Mouton, BRCC
Doretha Bennett, LWIA81
Bedie Lewis, LWIA81
Jamie Coleman, LWIA14
I. Comments From The Chair:
Chairman Charles Moniotte addressed the council and presented former Chairman, Eddie Rispone with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Workforce Investment Council.

II. Approval of Minutes:
Motion was made to accept the minutes from the June meeting. Motion was accepted and seconded.

III. Introduction of New Director of Office of Workforce Development
Curt Eysink introduced Bryan Moore to the council. Bryan Moore is the new Director of the Office of Workforce Development. Prior to coming to the Louisiana Workforce Commission, Bryan served as director of the New Orleans Mayor's Office of Workforce Development / JOB1 since May 2007.

IV. Consideration and Approval of Labor Market Information One Stop Grant
Raj Jindal, Director of Office of Information Systems, addressed the council with regard to the Workforce Information Grant and Annual Report. The presentation gave the Workforce Information Grant PY2010 expenses as well as the expenses for PY2011. This information included the grant amount for both years and the carryover amounts from 2009 and 2010.

V. Report on 2011 Regular Legislative Session of the Louisiana Legislature
Jay Augustine, Deputy Executive Director for the Louisiana Workforce Commission, addressed the council with regard to Louisiana Workforce Commission's 2011 legislative accomplishments. The presentation outlined the Legislative wins as well as LWC's collaborative success.

The four (4) Legislative Wins:
   a. Senate Bill 121 (Riser) – created to help businesses save money on unemployment insurance tax payments and under this bill the employer's experience rating is not adversely affected if the cause of layoffs is attributed to a third party under the federal Oil Pollution Act.
   b. House Bill 303 (Ponti) – Child Labor Law that brought Louisiana law in conformity with the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. It also has a clean up function to update LWCS organization (change "secretary" to "executive director")
   c. House Bill 502 (Ponti) – allows the Workers Compensation Second Injury Fund Board to allocate 1% of its annual budget to Louisiana Rehabilitation Services for employment and reemployment programs for potential employees with permanent partial disabilities. It also contributes to the 3-to-1 federal fiscal match.
   d. Senate Bill 28 (Ben Nevers) – renewed Louisiana's Apprenticeship Tax credit and extended it until 2015; from 2007 to 2011 business hiring certified apprentices could receive a $1 per hour worked tax credit, up to 1,000 hours.

Collaborative Success:
   a. House Bill 549 (House Speaker Tucker) – LWC worked in collaboration with various business community representatives and education stakeholders in support of the GRAD Act 2.0
   b. House Bill 342 (Rep. Edwards) – Requires employers with public contracts to electronically verify the citizenship of their employees.

VI. Presentation by Region IV Workforce Investment Area
Glen Dugas with the Region IV Workforce Investment Area addressed the council with regard to their priorities, the programs they offer, pilot programs they've implemented and the relationships they've forged with their regional partners.

VII. Report on Accountability and Performance Measures
Claudia Minor addressed the council with regard to the progress of the accountability and performance measures. She discussed the analysis from the workforce simulator and the information it contained. The next step in the process is to do an analysis of the information provided with the help of the economist on staff with the Louisiana Workforce Commission. A draft report of that data will then be provided to the Executive Committee for their review/approval. She also informed them that the Department of Education does have some information on private schools and we are working with them to gather that information. The data sharing agreements with our partner agencies are also being reviewed.

Adjournment