



BWIB Memberandum

Week of May 18, 2009

- **Obama Unveils FY 2010 Federal Budget Proposal**

This month, President Barack Obama released his complete budget proposal for federal FY 2010, which will begin on October 1, 2009. Within this budget, a total of \$3.8 billion is requested for the Department of Labor – Employment and Training Administration. Recommended funding for both the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) adult and youth formulas remain level at the same amounts as for the current federal fiscal year (\$861.5 million for adult and \$924.1 million for youth). Funding for the WIA dislocated worker formula would grow by 5.3 % (\$72 million) to a total amount of \$1.4 billion.

Other new funding of note includes: 1) \$50 million for the Green Jobs Innovation Fund, a program that will support competitive grant opportunities to help workers receive job training in green industry sectors and occupations, 2) \$115 million for the Reintegration of Ex-Offenders, a consolidation of the existing Second Chance Act Prisoner Reentry Initiative (PRI) grants and Youthful Offender grants; and 3) \$135 million for the new Career Pathways Innovation Fund, the successor to the previous Community-Based Job Training grant program.

- **First WIA Program Evaluation Results Released**

In April 2009, the U.S. Department of Labor released the first ever impact evaluation of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) services. This assessment showed that adults and dislocated workers who participated in employment services and training achieved better outcomes than jobseekers who did not take advantage of WIA services.

The study compared the employment and earnings of 159,131 individuals served by WIA adult and dislocated worker programs in 12 states (between the years 2003 and 2005) with those of about 3 million demographically similar individuals who applied for unemployment insurance or registered with state employment services, but were not subsequently enrolled in WIA programs. Their outcomes were examined for 16 quarters thereafter.

The final results of this study demonstrated that jobseekers, enrolled as WIA adult customers, earned roughly \$400 to \$600 more per quarter than their peers, for up to

four years after enrollment. Both male and female adult customers were initially more likely to be employed than other jobseekers with whom they were compared, though their employment edge gradually diminished over time.

- **Maryland to Hold Youth Policy Summit**

On Thursday, May 21, 2009, the Governor's Workforce Investment Board and its Emerging Workforce Committee will convene the Maryland Youth Workforce Policy Summit to review the **Youth Workforce Policy Whitepaper**. The Summit is designed to bring together the highest levels of leadership from industry, organized labor, government and education to:

- validate the critical need for investing in the development of an educated and skilled emerging workforce as an economic competitiveness issue for the State;
- prioritize and spotlight the key issues directly related to promoting a prepared and qualified emerging workforce;
- garner support for policy recommendations and recruit champions from across the stakeholder community; and
- identify partners willing to jointly initiate a bold **Campaign for Maryland's Future Workforce**.

For additional information, please contact Rachel Indek at: rindek@dllr.state.md.us.

- **Final 2009 Baltimore Regional Employer Institute Session**

The next session of the Baltimore Regional Employer Institute, featuring the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC), will be held on Thursday, May 28th. At this event, participants can learn how UMMC formed the Career Development Services Program to address the shortage of qualified healthcare workers by creating opportunities for people on their staff and in the community to enter or advance in healthcare careers.

For additional details on future forums, or to sign up for this final 2009 session, please go to the Institute's website at: <http://baltimoreregionalemployerinstitute.com>.

- **Dates of Interest**

Wednesday, May 20th (8:30 am) – BWIB Workforce System Effectiveness Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 21st (8:30 am) – GWIB Youth Workforce Policy Summit

Thursday, May 28th (8:00 am) – Baltimore Regional Employers Institute: University of Maryland Medical System

Wednesday, June 3rd (11:00 am) – Deadline for Receipt of ARRA Request for Expressions of Interest

Tuesday, June 9th (7:30 am) – BWIB Full Board Meeting

Thursday, June 11th (7:45 am) – BWIB Youth Council Meeting

****If you would like additional information regarding any of the issues or events discussed throughout this publication, please feel free to contact Jeff Smith.****