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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

514 W Jefferson St, Ste 131, Boise, Idaho 83702

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Council Committee Members: Deni Hoehne, John Young, Joe Maloney, Kelly Kolb, Sarah Griffin, Scott Bedke

Guests: Alyssa Romero, Veritas Advisors; Matt, Columbia Energy; Ben Donahoo, Columbia Energy

Staff: Wendi Secrist, Denise Hill, Sherawn Reberry, Stacy James, Matthew Thomsen, Kimberly Gardner, Amanda Ames, Elaine Zabriskie

Call to Order at 2:01 PM

Welcome

Deni Hoehne, Chair

- Review Agenda
 - Move Budget Report after Burning Glass Proposal
 - Child Care Expansion Grant Agenda Item Removed

**Review March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes*

Unanimous consent motion by Mr. Kelly Kolb to approve the March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes as written. Second by Mr. Joe Maloney. Motion carried.

**WDTF Grant Requests*

Matt Thomsen

- **Boise School District, Dennis Technical Education Center Industry Sector Grant**

Dennis Technical Education Center (DTEC) will double the capacity of their welding program using this grant. Currently, the program is forced to turn away over 50% of interested students due to capacity limitations, and this expansion will both alleviate that limitation and allow the program to complete necessary updates. By purchasing new equipment and securing a dedicated instructor for the Welding III classes, this project will allow program graduates more time for hands-on practice and ensure that each student is equipped with the cutting-edge skills they need to succeed in a rapidly modernizing field.

Funding Requested \$325,972.00

- Project will fall under the STEM-Focused funding - ARPA Funds
- Boise School District is the applicant with the project taking place at Dennis Technical Education Center.
- 87% Consensus Score

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- Doubling capacity of Welding I, II, & III – aligned with CTE

Motion by Mr. John Young to approve the Boise School District, Dennis Technical Education Center Industry Sector Grant in the amount of \$325,972.00. Second by Mr. Kelly Kolb. Motion carried.

- ***Boise State University Industry Sector Grant***

This project will scale up the training space available at Boise State University for BSU degree-seeking students, CWI and CSI technician students, and Chip Camp participants in grades 8-12. The project will triple clean room space, moving from 5 students to 15 at a time. This efficient, flexible space will allow students to gain proficiency on industry-relevant equipment and help to supply the 900 technicians and additional 900 engineers/scientists that will be needed in the Micron expansion. This project has the support of major regional semiconductor manufacturers and will collaborate with community colleges to ensure good access to training facilities for the community. Additionally, a reasonable plan exists to sustain the project beyond the lifespan of this grant using a combination of student fees and endowment funds.

Funding Requested \$1,759,695.01

- Project will fall under the STEM-Focused funding - ARPA Funds
- Equipment costs are around \$400K with a match for equipment around \$3M
- This project increases the capacity for training students, but also for training those currently in the industry
- 75% Consensus Score
- \$4M total matching funds
- Triple capacity to 15
- From 4" to 8" wafers
- Will create sustainability beyond the life of the grant
- Discussion:
 - Equipment purchases the first quarter of the grant, kickoff this fall
 - Funds to be expended by end of FY26
- **Motion by Mr. Kelly Kolb to approve the Boise State University Industry Sector Grant in the amount of \$1,759,695.01. Second by Lt. Governor Bedke. Motion carried.**

2024 Legislative Session Update
Gardner

Wendi Secrist/Kimberly

- ****Burning Glass Institute Proposal***
 - Aligns with HB741 changes
 - In-demand career definition changes to reflect positive economic output and increase economic mobility, post-baccalaureate or higher not included
 - Lightcast can be used for real-time labor market information

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- Possible Data Matrix Elements
 - Wages
 - Transferability of skills
 - Annual job openings
 - Type of credential
 - Length of program
 - Points assigned to each element
- Cost renegotiated to \$165K from \$185K, deliverables have not changed
 - Funds coming from initial startup funds for LAUNCH, \$3.3M currently available FY24
 - Creates a model to evaluate credentials that we can sustain without BGI going forward
 - Currently there is no clear vision of what careers are more valuable than others
 - Credentials are also variable from a value standpoint depending on who is asked
 - Questions:
 - Will they be looking at before and after certifications, licenses, etc.? Yes
 - Can we verify our ROI? Yes, BGI is the pre-cursor to that ability
 - Will we be able to compare programs? Yes
 - Some programs use same end of course exams
 - We be able to see completion rates
 - How many went through programs due to Launch? Yes
 - Partners will need to provide performance data on completions
 - Data can be utilized and integrated by other State Agencies

Motion by Mr. Kelly Kolb to approve the proposal to go forward with the Burning Glass Institute as requested. Second by Mr. Joe Maloney. Motion carried.

Budget Report

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- April still in the works – will review at Council meeting
- Working toward fiscal year end, working to ensure we are where we need to be
- Youth apprenticeship grant being monitored closely to ensure we manage it to the end

Review Draft Council Meeting Agenda

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- Budget
 - Monthly, FY25 Operating Budget, FY26 Budget Request (due Spet.1)
- One-Stop Committee
 - *WIOA Policies - WDC/AE Responsibilities
 - *WIOA Eligibility & Priority of Service Policy
 - *WIOA SDA Transfers
- Policy Committee
 - TBD – action items from May 29 meeting
- Industry Deep Dive - Bill Reagan facilitating a Tourism panel

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- LAUNCH update
- Council Brainstorm – LAUNCH Employer Engagement and Employment Outcomes
- Chair Report
- Ex. Dir. Report
- Other thoughts or ideas
 - Revisit our mission, vision, etc. What's next
 - What do Idaho job seekers and employers need
 - Possibility of recession, WDC contingency plan
 - Economist guest speaker from outside the Labor market
 - Other ideas for agenda
 - Listening to members
 - Continuity
 - Ask members about the elevator pitch – what are you doing

Executive Director's Report

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- Youth Apprenticeship proclamation for the kickoff of Youth Apprenticeship Week May 5 - 11
 - Social media campaign targeted to employers
- Grant management platform
 - Testing accesses tomorrow with students, institutions, parents, providers, and the state board office
 - User guides are being created
- Third round of Contingent Awards are going out tomorrow
 - 7103 accepted
 - 2210 offers tomorrow
 - 2600 remain in waitlist status

Executive Committee Open Discussion

All

- None

Motion to adjourn by Lt. Governor Bedke, second by Mr. Joe Maloney. No objections.

Adjourned 3:08 PM