

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**FROM:** Economic Development Agency

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
November 7, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Workforce Innovation Regional Economic Development (WIRED) Contract

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Riverside County Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept \$40,000 per year for two years for development of a survey tool to identify workforce skills gaps, both current and future, complete the survey and compile the results into a report that will be submitted to the California Space Authority (CSA);
2. Authorize the Chairman to execute the CSA WIRED contract; and
3. Authorize the Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA or designee to execute necessary modifications.

**BACKGROUND:** The U.S. Department of Labor's WIRED Initiative is focusing on labor market areas comprised of multiple jurisdictions within a state or across state borders. By fostering the development of strategies supporting entrepreneurship and global competitiveness, as well as innovative workforce development, WIRED is intended to catalyze the creation and sustainability of high-skill, high-wage opportunities for American workers within the context of regional economies.

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 40,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2006/2007

**COMPANION ITEM ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:** No

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** U.S. Department of Labor WIRED Grant

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Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** **APPROVE**

**County Executive Office Signature**

*Janice K. Siefert*

Consent  
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Dep't Recomm.:  
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: All

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**BACKGROUND: (continued):**

Governor Schwarzenegger submitted the California Space Authority's "Workforce Transformation" proposal for the WIRED Grant to the U.S. Department of Labor in January 2006. The State Labor and Workforce Development Agency and its Employment Development Department supported CSA's proposal incorporating over 60 industry, government, education, economic development and workforce development entities within 13 counties (California's Innovation Corridor). On February 1, 2006, the Innovation Corridor proposal was announced as one of 13 regional proposals nationwide to be awarded grant funds. CSA's project includes activities within the Innovation Corridor that addresses: entrepreneurship development, global competitiveness in manufacturing and the supply chain, and creation of the next generation of innovators and technicians. In addition to training workers for 21<sup>st</sup> Century high-skill, high-wage jobs, CSA's "Workforce Transformation" grant project will help California capitalize on its wealth of science, research and manufacturing assets, and retain its role on the leading edge of global innovations.