

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



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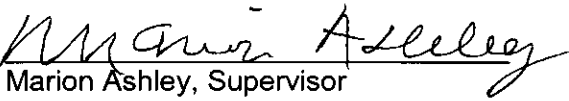
SUBMITTAL DATE:
February 25, 2010


SUBJECT: Riverside County Works (RCW)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors, direct all county departments, or agencies issuing Requests for Qualifications, Requests for Proposals, Sole Source projects, and competitively bid construction, road, and or housing projects of all types, to encourage the successful Lowest Responsible Bidders or sole source contract recipients to hire 60 percent of all project workforce from within the legal boundaries of the County of Riverside.

That the Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA, or his designee, serve as the focal point and monitor of this effort with all concerned county departments or agencies to determine the positive results of the voluntary Riverside County Works program. Results of the monitoring may be reported to the Board of Supervisors in as few as 12 months from the date Riverside County Works is enacted by the Board of Supervisors or sooner if so ordered.

BACKGROUND: Riverside County has approximately 130,000 plus members of its workforce unemployed. This number represents 15.1 percent of the workforce of the County of Riverside. Discouraged workers and those who have exhausted Unemployment Insurance are estimated to make up an additional 11 percent of that population. Riverside County Works may enable local residents to return to full employment in the construction and development trades in the near future, thus reducing unemployment. It should be noted per existing policy, that the County of Riverside does, in fact, make local bidder preferences available to providers of numerous goods and services as a means of helping create and retain jobs within the county. It is anticipated that Riverside County Works will further enhance this existing policy.


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