

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



FROM: Supervisors John Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE: July 3, 2012

SUBJECT: Veterans Assistance Labor Offering Resources (VALOR Act)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors directs:

- 1.) The County Executive Officer, Assistant County Executive Officer/EDA, Assistant County Executive Officer/Human Resources, Director of Veterans Affairs, Managing Director-EDA, and Foreign Trade Commissioner work in concert with Empower America for the purpose of creating jobs, employment, and investment for veterans of the armed forces.
- 2.) That the Executive Officer and or county team members identify programs, polices, training, education, and other opportunities to assist veterans of the armed forces, receive job and educational training that prepares them for careers in the Renewable Energy Sector of our economy's.
- 3.) That the County Executive Officer authorize our legislative advocate teams in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento to advocate for specialized funding programs that support job training for veterans in the areas of the renewable energy sector in concert with Empower America.
- 4.) That the County Executive Officer identify internal programs to the county that promote veteran owned businesses and veteran preferences for county contracting across the spectrum of county government and determine whether or not a veteran's bidding preference enhancement, while warranted, is needed to promote veterans owned businesses. If needed, recommend increase of veteran's preference to 5 percent.

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Supervisor, Second District

BACKGROUND CONTINUED:

BACKGROUND: Unemployment amongst our veterans of the United States armed forces remains at record highs in our county, state, and nation. Homelessness amongst veterans is also at record highs in our region, state, and nation. The VALOR Act is an effort to encourage partnerships with non-profit organizations (that are comprised of veterans) to assist fellow veterans, disabled veterans, and honorably discharged members of the armed forces in finding education and employment opportunities, specifically within the renewable energy industry. Empower America was founded in 2009 by veterans and concerned community leaders seeking to create employment and business ownership opportunities for our nation's veterans. Empower America makes a concerted effort that renewable energy products and supplies are American made and seeks to support the export of American product to world markets.