

**Governor's Council on Workforce Policy
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2008**

Council Members Present

Chair Lisa Lovallo, Vice Chair Pam Ross, Mary Vanis, Milt Ericksen, Gary Marks, Stephanie McKinley (telephonically), Dick White, Donna Davis, Tony Sissons, Keith Rodgers, Tracy Wareing, Marco Lopez, Buzz Murphy, Peggy Belknap (telephonically), Mary Kaffer (telephonically), and Ron Curtis

Call to Order

Chair Lisa Lovallo called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m. Ms. Lovallo welcomed Council members and guests to the Governor's Council on Workforce Policy Meeting.

Dream It! Do It! Presentation

Rick Hansen, Associate Director, CWD Maricopa Community College presented the council a brief presentation of the Dream It! Do It! Initiative.

Director of Department of Commerce

Director, Marco Lopez commented to the Council on the how Commerce serves the business and communities.

Approval of Minutes

GCWP Vice Chair Pam Ross motioned to approve the August 5, 2008 minutes and GCWP member Milt Ericksen seconded the motion. Minutes adopted and approved.

Youth Procurement Update

Carolyn Ufford, DES reported that in February 2008, the GCWP announced to the local workforce areas (LWIAs) that for those local areas who had received waivers in 2006, those waivers would not be renewed. For the past 6 months DES and Commerce staff and GCWP member Donna Davis have been meeting to determine how to move forward within the WIA Youth Procurement guidelines provided by the WIA Guidance Letter #19-06. In August, all parties talked with the Department of Labor for further clarification.

Chartering Update

GCWP Vice Chair Pam Ross reported the Chartering process is moving forward and the results to follow at the December GCWP meeting.

GCWP System Building Fund Policy

Julie Castro, Department of Commerce, reported the Council has requested that a policy be put in place in order to have a better handle on the GCWP Systems Building Funds. A draft of the policy for the funds was handed out to the Council. Highlights of the document included:

- Regional project that includes at a minimum 2 local workforce areas (LWIAs)
- Concentrates on high demand/high growth industries in the respective region

- Awards will be 18-24 months in length
- Must be a sustainable, new project
- Due to limited funds available, proposals may not be funded at the amount requested

GCWP Retreat/ Orientation

Rosalyn Boxer, Department of Commerce, gave a brief overview of staff to the GCWP of proposing to conduct a State Board orientation/retreat in early February 2009 to cover a variety of issues. GCWP staff would like to conduct a focus group to gather ideas and direction for the retreat. Interested members should contact Rosalyn or Julie at 602-771-1185 or 602-771-1149, respectively.

Call to Public

None

Adjournment

Chair Lisa Lovallo adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.