

# Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Budget Highlights and Goals

## McHenry County Workforce Investment Board

### **FY2011 Highlights**

- The first phase of the Flexible and Sustainable Training (FAST) program will be completed December 31, 2011. This ran from June 1, 2009 until December 31, 2011. The amount of this grant was \$383,187. The second phase of the FAST program will begin June 1, 2011 and will be completed December 31, 2012. The amount of this grant is \$250,000.
- The National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) committee has made several presentations to various business groups as well as individual employers. Nineteen businesses have agreed to use the NCRC as part of their evaluation/hiring process.
- The McHenry County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has been engaged with a regional alliance to promote the NCRC at a regional level.
- McHenry County College through the WBMC received a grant for \$100,000 to provide Healthcare bridge program services to Department of Human Service eligible as well as low income individuals.
- The McHenry County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) as part of the Workforce Boards of Metro Chicago (WBMC) in conjunction with the Metro Area Community Colleges has applied for a grant to the Department of Labor for Trade Adjustment Assistance funds in the amount of \$18,653,801.

### **FY2012 Goals**

- Follow Workforce Investment Act (WIA) legislation and make appropriate comments and suggestions through the WIB legislative committee. Engage and participate in regional and state workforce groups to keep u-to-date on area workforce activities and promote WIA reauthorization.
- Make a smooth transition to a new WIB director; visiting LEOs and WIB members
- Work closely with the Workforce Boards of Metro Chicago (WBMC) and the Northern Illinois Workforce Coalition (NIWC) to promote new and innovative workforce programs in the metro area.
- Promote the use of the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) to the business community and demonstrate how this can assist them in making hiring decisions. Promote the NCRC as a regional program not just a program for McHenry County.
- Work closely with McHenry County College in their efforts to continue the second year of the Department of Human Services (DHS) Healthcare bridge program grant (\$110,000.00).
- Work with MCC Center for Corporate Training (SHAH Center) and McHenry County Economic Development Corp. to assess the local workforce to promote local economic development.

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