

**Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Budget  
Highlights and Goals**

**WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD**

**FY2010 Highlights**

- The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has become a more visible and a more integral part of the economic and workforce development system in the county.
- The Flexible and Sustainable Training (FAST) Solutions program (phase 1) has been approved by the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) and the program will be starting in the summer of 2010. This grant (earmark funds from USDOL, Congresswoman Melissa Bean's office) that focuses on training in manufacturing and healthcare was a result of a partnership of the McHenry County Government Administration, McHenry County College, McHenry County Economic Development Corporation, McHenry County Workforce Network, and the McHenry County Workforce Investment Board.
- The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) presentation committee is now ready to begin meeting with business and business groups to promote the use of the NCRC in McHenry County. The NCRC is a series of three tests (applied math, reading for information, and locating information) that assists employers in predicting the trainability of a potential employee.
- The work readiness study relating to McHenry County high school students has been completed.
- The WIBs relationship with McHenry County College (MCC) and the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) has become stronger.

**FY2011 Goals**

- Complete phase two of the Flexible and Sustainable Training (FAST) program which has been named as Capacity for Learning in Multiple Modes and Bridges (CLIMMB).
- Follow upcoming Workforce Investment Act (WIA) legislation and make appropriate comments and suggestions through the WIB legislative committee.
- If and when WIA legislation is passed make a smooth transition to a new WIB director.
- As part of the Workforce Boards of Metro Chicago (WBMC) work closely with the Metro Economic Growth Alliance (MEGA) of Chicago. This group represents the economic development agencies for the Chicago metro area (McHenry County Economic Development Corporation is a member).
- Continue to promote the use of the National Career Readiness Certificate to the business community and the educational community in McHenry County.