

Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Budget Highlights and Goals

Workforce Investment Board

FY2008 Highlights

- Both the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) and the McHenry County Workforce Network (WIA) are becoming more visible components of the workforce and economic development system in McHenry County. Our participation in the FAST Solutions grant that the county received is an example as well as the presence in the Careers in our County sponsored by the Workforce Development Committee of the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation.
- The receipt of the FAST Solutions grant has the WIB working with McHenry County College in the planning stages of starting another boot camp type of program (similar to the welding boot camp program implemented a few years ago).
- The WIB received a grant for approximately \$14,000 to update the 2003 State of the Workforce/Community Audit Report. That report should be completed by the end of June or early July 2008.
- The WIB is in the process of implementing portions of the updated strategic plan.
- The Memorandum of Understanding between the WIB and the various workforce center partners has been accepted and approved by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.
- The WIB has continued to strengthen its coordination and cooperation with the two main outside entities in the county workforce system (McHenry County College and McHenry County Economic Development Corporation).

FY2009 Goals

- Make the WIB a more visible and integral part of the economic and workforce development system in the county (on-going)
- Continue to work with McHenry County College to assist in developing another boot camp type of program with the funds received from the earmark FAST Solutions grant
- Continue to strengthen ties with McHenry County College and McHenry County Economic Development Corporation (on-going)
- Use the results of the State of the Workforce/Community Audit Report to develop stronger programs to assist the job seeker and the businesses of McHenry County
- Continue to implement portions of the most recent WIB strategic plan.
- *On a regional level the WBMC plan to complete a survey of the Finance and Insurance industry pathways project that will be designed to provide career exploration and career advancement information.
- *The WBMC are planning on meeting with a new regional economic development organization the Metro Economic Growth Alliance of Chicago (MEGA) to see if there are ways we can partner and collaborate on various workforce initiatives.
- *Regionally the WBMC plan to expand their website to include resources relating to maturing workforce and career information

*= Provided McHenry County remains an active member of the WBMC