



December 14, 2021

To: Executive Committee

From: Brenda Wilson, Executive Director

Subject: Letter of Support Request from Lane Workforce Partnership

Action Recommended: Provide letter of support

Background:

Lane Workforce Partnership (LWP) is submitting an application for grants funds from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Good Jobs Challenge funding opportunity.

Lane Workforce Partnership, the designated local Workforce Investment Board for Lane County, Oregon, funds and delivers programs that empower job seekers to meet the current and future workforce needs of employers in Lane County. Programs and services are delivered through a network of local partners including employers, labor groups, government, community colleges, high schools, community-based organizations, and economic development. Lane Workforce Partnership is one of nine workforce boards statewide.

The Good Jobs Challenge funding is designed to help get people back to work by investing in: (1) developing and strengthening regional workforce training systems that support sectoral partnerships; (2) designing sectoral partnerships; and (3) implementing sectoral partnerships that will lead to high-quality jobs. The goal of regional workforce training systems is to create and support effective training programs that will connect the in-demand and emerging skills needs of employers with qualified workers and help workers find and keep quality jobs and advance along their chosen

career path. The awards range between \$1 million and \$25 million with no required match.

Lane Workforce Partnership will bring this request to the Lane Economic Committee (LEC) on December 13, 2021, as such a request ties into the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The LEC's recommendation will be relayed to the Executive Committee at the Committee's December 14, 2021 meeting. A draft letter will be provided at the meeting.

Suggested Action: Provide a letter of support LWP's application to the Good Jobs Challenge.