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TO: Members of the Community & Economic Development Committee
FROM: Aaron Szopinski, Office of the Mayor
RE: November 14 CED Agenda, Item #5 - CCFN 171070

Committee Members:

Mayor Barrett remains committed to increasing the number of Milwaukeeans working, and creating new connections and opportunity for both our workforce and the employers in the Milwaukee region. Employ Milwaukee, as the designated workforce board for Milwaukee County (WDA #2), is a hub for those efforts.

Employ Milwaukee is the area's state-certified workforce board, and designated local recipient for Federal and other funds for workforce development programs. The Mayor has led Employ Milwaukee for the last 10 years, and increased funding, effectiveness, and regional collaborations. This ongoing partnership has helped ensure that Milwaukeeans can find training and jobs - and that businesses in the region can find Milwaukee residents to fill their openings.

Item 5, CCFN 171070, authorizes the Mayor to enter into two agreements to continue his leadership of Employ Milwaukee:

1) A Chief Elected Official (CEO) Consortium Agreement with the members of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council (ICC) of Milwaukee County

This agreement confirms the ICC will perform the required elected oversight of Employ Milwaukee, pursuant to the 2014 Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA). On July 20 of this year, the ICC voted that Mayor Barrett serve as Designated CEO for the local board, Employ Milwaukee.

That oversight includes Employ Milwaukee's budget, performance, and compliance with WIOA and State workforce development regulations. The agreement meets both the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and WIOA's requirements that all local workforce boards have clear oversight by local elected officials throughout the workforce development area. Similar agreements exist for nearly every multi-jurisdictional workforce board in the country, including all other boards in Wisconsin.

2) A revised agreement between the CEO Consortium and Employ Milwaukee's board

This agreement continues the relationship between local elected officials and the local workforce development board. Since the CEO Consortium agreement has been approved, this agreement reflects that the Mayor continuing his lead role, but as the Designated CEO for the County-wide Consortium. This agreement is renewed every 2 years, as part of the local workforce board's recertification process. Employ Milwaukee is completing that process currently.

Please do contact me with questions on this item, and thanks for your consideration and support.

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