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Good afternoon,
Please see the attached version of the Sherman Park map that was included in the Steering and Rules presentation. This version is more sharp.

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Subject: Wisconsin Fast Forward Grant Program

Dear Committee members:

The below information is in response to Ald. Murphy's inquiry on the WI Fast Forward Grant Program at Steering and Rules Committee yesterday.

The Standard Wisconsin Fast Forward (WFF) was established with a three-prong intent:

- Create the Office of Skills Development (OSD) to serve as a resource for any Wisconsin business seeking skilled worker and to administer the Fast Forward grant program.
- Provide up to $15 million State General Purpose Revenue in fiscal years 13-15 and 15-17 for grants directly to employers to support employer-led customized training skills to address Wisconsin's skills gap not currently addressed by other training programs. In March 2014 WFF was expanded to a $35.4 million investment to; reduce WI Tech College System waiting lists in high-demand fields, provide high school pupils with skills training and industry-recognition certification in high-demand fields, and enhance employment opportunities for person with disabilities.
- Fund, develop, and implement an enhanced, Labor Market Information System. The system provides real –time intelligence, and also serve as an effective forum to connect job seekers and employers with available jobs.

The WFF grant program was designed to address workforce skill shortages by industry sector or occupational area. The OSD provides Grant Program Announcements (GPA)which are issued at least once a quarter. All grant proposals are reviewed and recommended to OSD for final award determination by an evaluation committee, with the advisory guidance from the OSD-Technical Review Committee. Participates on the OSD-Technical Review Committee includes advisors from the DED, WEDC, and DOR.

The grants are monitored by OSD for the duration of the grant period, possibly as long as two years

from grant approval. There have been four rounds of grant funding starting in February 2014 through December 2015, which was contracted through May 2016. The grants were issued to support workforce training needs in nine industry sectors: agriculture, construction, customer service, health care, information technology, manufacturing, small business, transportation. The OSD works with labor market data, business inquiries, and sector needs to determine what GPS's to release when, since they are based on needs according to sectors or job classifications.

Once an application is received, the applicant is notified whether or not they are receiving an award no more than 60 days after the application due date. The awardee is able to start spending the money as soon as they agree to the terms and conditions of the award with DWD. Below is a list of Milwaukee companies that have been previous recipients of WFF grants:

- Employ Milwaukee- to partner with Northcott Neighborhood House to provide up to 40 unemployed individuals with pre-apprenticeship training in the Mke Builds initiative for Gorman & Company and TL Reese.
- Aurora Health Care – to train up to 12 incumbent workers.
- Miller's Bakery – to train up to 60 new hires and 40 incumbent workers in Safe Quality Food procedures.
- Hatch Staffing – to join with 2 employers to train up to 15 unemployed individuals, 10 new hires and 5 incumbent workers.
- Lange Brother's Woodwork Co. – for 19 incumbent workers participating in an automation and retooling training program.
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin – to train 30 unemployed or underemployed worker in Milwaukee in welding and other manufacturing related skills.
- WRTP/Big Step – to train 5 incumbent employees and 8 new hires at Zenith Tech, Inc. and 5 incumbent and 8 new hires at Payne and Dolan in heavy equipment operation.
- Tekware Group – to train 4 new hires in rescue techniques needed for cell tower maintenance.
- IBM – to train 226 incumbent employees.
- Agape Supportive Living – for 25 workers to receive community-based residential facility training.

The above-named companies are just a few of local companies that have benefitted from the WFF grant training program since inception. The most recent allocation of an additional $1 million of WFF funds will be to fund Employer Based-Job Training Programs for the City of Milwaukee directly. A specific round of grants will be announced to provide state worker training in the City of Milwaukee which could include grants for both adults and youth in the city.

I hope this summary provides insight to the Wisconsin Fast Forward Program. I am happy to address any questions you may have, therefore, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 286-8564. Thanks.

Kimberly Montgomery