



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, INC.

An Investment in Today's Workforce for Tomorrow's Future



April 1, 2009

Dear Employer:

2009 Summer Youth Employment Program – *Applications Now Being Accepted for Youth & Employers in Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Outagamie, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago Counties.*

As part of President Obama's American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board (FVWDB) will receive additional Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds to implement a Summer Youth Employment Program. With the additional funds, eligible youth (ages 14-24) could receive a paid work experience in order to gain work readiness skills. The Summer Program will run from mid-June to late-August and will include classroom learning as well as time on the approved work site. Youth can work in a variety of entry-level job settings including government agencies, hospitals, non-profits, small businesses, and other organizations. Special consideration will be given to activities that expose youth to opportunities in "green" educational and career pathways.

The Summer Youth Employment Program strives to:

- Emphasize real-world labor expectations;
- Provide the opportunity to explore careers of interest;
- Increase awareness of services offered by local community-based organizations;
- Provide opportunities for career instruction, financial literacy training, academic improvement, and social growth.

Businesses and Organizations have the opportunity to receive the benefits of ARRA by having additional workers to carry out projects and positions that they may not have had the funds to implement. Under the stimulus package, eligible youth will get their wages paid by WIA funds while gaining valuable work readiness skills. If you want to benefit from the Economic Stimulus monies and are interested in supervising youth this summer through an opportunity at your organization, contact Kim Lemieux at the FVWDB at (920) 720-5600, or by email: klemieux@fvwdb.com.

In the interest of the participants' safety, OSHA compliance and Child Labor Laws will be assessed before work sites are approved. The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, as the administering agency for the U.S. Department of Labor Employment & Training Administration Youth funds, reserves the right not to fill a requested slot if the position is considered non-conducive to the youth's safety and well-being. Employers must also agree to the terms and conditions of the program including offering exemplary supervision and meaningful work duties. Please note: The summer youth workers cannot replace displaced workers and all

supervisors will be expected to submit to a background check to ensure safety of the youth.

FVWDB hopes you take advantage of this opportunity to provide youth with a quality work experience. The youth will benefit from the work experience while you as the employer have the opportunity to provide a practical employment opportunity to the future workforce of Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl A. Welch". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Cheryl A. Welch
Executive Director

Note: The Application is attached and can also be found on-line at www.foxvalleywork.org.