



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Planning and Building Services

**Meeting Date:** July 19, 2016

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** N/A

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of a Service Agreement with Solano County, Establishing the Financial Framework for A Workforce Development Board (WDB) Partnership with The North Bay Business Sector Alliance (NBBSA) That Was Recently Awarded a \$1 Million Slingshot Grant of Which Mendocino County WDB Will Receive \$156,000 of Revenue for 21 months

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve the Service Agreement with Solano County, establishing the financial framework for a Workforce Development Board (WDB) partnership with the North Bay Business Sector Alliance (NBBSA); authorize the Planning and Building Services Director to sign any future amendments to the Agreement that do not affect the maximum amount; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

None.

**Summary of Request:**

The Workforce Development Board (WDB) of Mendocino County along with five other North Bay counties, North Bay Business Sector Alliance (NBBSA), were recently awarded a \$1M SlingShot grant from the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) to improve workforce development programs and income mobility in the region. The CWDB conducted a one-time competitive grant allocation for the establishment of collaborative efforts among employers, industry, government, workforce and economic development, and education stakeholders within regions throughout California to identify and then work to solve business challenges. In response, the Workforce Investment Board of Solano County applied for the CWDB SlingShot funds as a member of a five county collaborative of workforce development agencies called the North Bay Employment Connection (NBEC). The NBEC collaborative includes the Workforce Development Boards of Solano, Napa-Lake, Marin, Sonoma, and Mendocino counties; and, together these agencies are dedicated to connecting businesses with skilled workers and equipping job seekers with the tools needed for today's challenging careers. This two-year grant will strengthen regional economic prosperity and improve income mobility by creating stronger relationships between businesses and community partners within the region's key industries. To accomplish this, NBBSA will utilize the SlingShot funds to create innovative and fundamental changes with how industry engagement occurs to better design and implement workforce programs. The NBBSA SlingShot Alliance will focus on engaging industry representatives to foster "Business

Champions” and create “Industry Sector Partnerships” to advise community partners on specific industry workforce trends and demands. A service agreement must be executed between all of the Partners; and, as a partner in this consortium, the Mendocino County WDB will receive \$156,000 of revenue for 21 months to fund its obligations under the grant. The Workforce Development Board’s Executive Committee approved the agreement on June 24, 2016, and it is now brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval and execution.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Refer the item back to staff with instructions.

**Supplemental Information Available Online at:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Source of Funding:** State Grant (WIB Portion is \$156,000)      **Budgeted in Current F/Y:** Yes

**Current F/Y Cost:** \$0.00      **Annual Recurring Cost:** \$0.00

**Supervisory District:** All

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** Yes

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**CEO Liaison:** Christopher Shaver, Deputy CEO

**CEO Review:** Yes

**Comments:**