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Re: Marin Workforce Investment Board 2005 Jobs Summit Report

Dear Colleagues:

On the agenda today is a presentation and report with respect to the findings from the 2005 Jobs Summit. The mission of the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Marin County is to develop, support, and retain a thriving workforce. To advance this mission, on March 31, 2005, the WIB hosted the first Annual Marin Jobs Summit. At the Summit, over 130 of Marin's civic, business, and education leaders offered input into the development of a strategic action plan for higher-wage job growth in Marin. This report summarizes the full deliberations of Summit, and the work of the 24-member Marin WIB to advance four "key recommendations" arising from the Summit. These are:

- 1) Focus Workforce and Economic Development on a Small Number of Higher-Wage Industry Clusters***
- 2) Increase Public and Private Investment in Workforce and Economic Development***
- 3) Develop a Robust Economic Development Capability in the County and***
- 4) Help Develop Exemplary School to-Career Pathways in Targeted Industries.***

Today's presentation will outline current initiatives and strategies to implement these key recommendations.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Murray