

NOVAworks WORKFORCE BOARD AGENDA 12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m., WEDNESDAY, March 22, 2023

Please Note: Meeting will be held via videoconference call:

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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- 2. **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- **CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed on the consent agenda are considered routine and will be acted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items, unless requested by a Board member or a member of the public.

- 3A. Approval of Agenda
- 3B. Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2023 Meeting (Enclosure)
- 3C. Approval of Updated NOVAworks Policies and Procedures for WIOA Adult Program Priority of Service and Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses (Enclosure)
- 4. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR
 - 4A. **Customer Success**
 - 4B. Introductions from Board Members
 - 4C. Presentation from Board member Brian Murphy of Pipe Trades Training Center
- 5. **PUBLIC HEARING**
 - 5A. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**
 - 5A1. Approval of Roadtrip Nation Project for Youth Services: Phase II (Enclosure) Motion
 - 5A2. Approval of NOVAworks Partnership with Biocom California Institute for Life Science Industry Workforce Services (Enclosure) Motion
 - 5A3. Employee Ownership and Worker Cooperatives Update

Information

Motion

- 5B. **GENERAL INFORMATION:**
 - 5B1. Quarterly Update: Performance of WIOA Title I Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Services (Enclosure)
 - 5B2. Quarterly Grant Status/Status of Funds (Enclosure)

Information

5B3. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Final Monitoring Report (Enclosure)

Information

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- 6. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
- 7. **ADJOURNMENT**

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

NOVA Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

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NOVAworks Workforce Board Draft January 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: C. Berdiansky, G. Biggs, D. Bini, R. Brunson, R. Foust, P. Guevara, N. Leonor, J. Lind, B.

Murphy, M. Nemits, S. Porter, A. Switky, K. Vartan, M. Vittal, N. Williams, and T. Woo

ABSENT: T. Baity, J. Cohen, C. Galy, H. Goodkind, S. Levy, A. Manwani, J. Miner, and J. Morrill

ALSO PRESENT: M. Sessions, G. Pham, L. Anders, J. Cheyer, L. Jackson, and E. Stanly of NOVAworks

staff and guest Vicky Brannock of Biocom California Institute

Meeting was held remotely via videoconference call.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chairperson A. Switky called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

2. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

California Labor & Workforce Development Agency Secretary Stewart Knox has expressed a commitment to help those workers impacted by the recent incident in Half Moon Bay. NOVAworks is planning to offer support to the local community with employment assistance.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by R. Foust, seconded by S. Porter, and carried by voice vote to approve the consent agenda as submitted. For this meeting, these agenda items included the meeting agenda, Nov. 30, 2022, meeting minutes, and updated NOVAworks policies and procedures for individual training accounts and on-the-job training.

4. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- 4A. Welcome New Board Member: New Board member Christine Berdiansky of Santa Clara Adult Education was welcomed to the Board.
- 4B. Customer Success: A NOVAworks customer presented on their job search experience and NOVAworks contributions to their success.
- 4C. Presentation from Board member Michelle Nemits of Biocom California: M. Nemits and guest Vicky Brannock presented on Biocom California and Biocom California Institute, respectively. To view the slide presentation, click on the following link, https://novaworks.org/documents/Ongoing/20230125 NOVAworks BiocomCalifornia Final.pdf. A link to the 2022 Biocom California's Life Science Economic Impact Report was also provided as part of this presentation, https://www.biocom.org/news/eir/.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING**

5A. GENERAL BUSINESS:

5A1. Approval of WIOA Local and Regional Plan Modifications: Every four years, the State requires local workforce boards to submit four-year local and regional strategic plans. Two years after its release, local boards must modify the plans to reflect changing economic conditions. The PY 2021-24 Local and

Regional Plan Modifications for NOVAworks and the Bay-Peninsula Regional Planning Unit, respectively, incorporate strategies for responding to the dichotomous economy of a high median household income and a large percentage of residents living below the self-sufficiency standard. In addition, the plans include approaches for serving disadvantaged individuals with barriers to employment and communities of color. It was moved by J. Lind, seconded by P. Guevara, and carried by voice vote to approve the WIOA Local and Regional Modifications documents.

5A2. Report from December 2022 Executive Committee Retreat: At the Dec. 14, 2022, Executive Committee retreat, the discussion's focus was on two topics: 1) The future workforce and the young adult program; and 2) access, equity, and inclusion. The need more intensive services for youth can be addressed by expanding youth programming in both scale and scope. This may entail investing in both in-school and out-of-school youth and reaching out to a variety of community partners. It may also involve a re-procurement of youth services. Access to services and equity for everyone may be accomplished through connection sites or mini job centers at libraries, community colleges, and community-based organizations, among other locations throughout the region.

5A3. Presentation on Regional Layoffs and Rapid Response Activities: NOVAworks Business Services Manager Lelan Anders presented on the status of regional layoffs and NOVAworks rapid response activities. To view the slide presentation, click on the following link, https://novaworks.org/documents/Ongoing/20230125RapidResponsePresentation_NOVAworksBoard.pdf.

6. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Highlights of the report from Executive Director Marléna Sessions included:

- Locally, Mr. Stewart Knox has been named the new California Labor & Workforce Development Agency Secretary. The Whole Person Pilot in San Mateo County is coming to a very successful conclusion at the end of February. The Santa Clara County pilot has just launched with positive results.
- Nationally, Senator Bernie Sanders has been named chairperson of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee. Representative Dr. Virginia Foxx has been named chairperson of the House Education & The Workforce Committee. There is concern that the House may propose a 70% set aside of WIOA funding for training. The recently passed Omnibus Bill contains a 2% increase in WIOA funding that includes increases for apprenticeships and justice-involved individuals. NOVAworks is developing partnerships with industry for federal CHIPS funding.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



Date:

March 22, 2023

To:

NOVAworks Workforce Board

From:

NOVAworks staff

Subject:

Approval of Updated NOVAworks Policies and Procedures for WIOA Adult

Program Priority of Service and Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible

Spouses

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) regulations, local workforce boards are required to have policies regarding priority of service for job seekers served with WIOA adult funds and for veterans and eligible spouses served through any U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)-funded programs. Priority of service for adults include recipients of public assistance, other low-income individuals, and individuals who are basic skills deficient for individualized career services and training services. Priority of service for veterans and eligible spouses is established through the Jobs for Veterans Act and is applicable for all DOL-funded programs that offer employment and training-related services.

NOVAworks currently has policies for both Adult Program Priority of Service and Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses. Periodically, these policies (and others) are reviewed to ensure they remain current, comply with any changes in regulations, if applicable, and continue to meet the needs of the programs. NOVAworks staff has reviewed the current Adult Program Priority of Service and Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses policies and has made several changes that will not substantially change the programs' operations.

The Board is being asked to approve the updated policies and procedures documents for the Adult Program Priority of Service and Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses. This request is considered routine and has been placed on the Consent Agenda.

DISCUSSION:

NOVAworks staff reviewed the current priority of service policy and procedures documents for adults and veterans/eligible spouses to ensure they are still relevant to current program operations. In reviewing the Adult Program Priority of Service policies and procedures, the staff increased (see page 3) the "total family income level that does not exceed" from "poverty line" and "70 percent of Lower Living Standard Income Level." The reason for raising this income level is in response to the high cost of living in this area and that individuals with a family income level of 250 percent of Lower Living Standard Income Level are considered living below a self-sufficient wage. This revision will give NOVAworks more flexibility in serving

Approval of Updated NOVAworks Policies and Procedures for WIOA Adult Program Priority of Service and Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses March 22, 2023 Page 2 of 2

additional low-income individuals with WIOA adult funds. In addition, an exception to the policy (page 7) has been added to allow more flexibility to serve individuals who could benefit from certain services. A residency requirement (page 7) was also added to reaffirm serving individuals within the NOVAworks service area. Additional minor changes were made to incorporate current regulatory references and for clarity and consistency. To review this updated policies and procedures document, please click here, https://novaworks.org/documents/Ongoing/AdultPriorityofService3 22 23.pdf.

In reviewing the Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses policies and procedures, the only changes made were primarily to reflect current terminology, incorporate current regulatory references, and for clarity and consistency in format. To review the updated policies and procedures document, please click here, https://novaworks.org/documents/Ongoing/VeteransPriorityofService3 22 23.pdf.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:

This is in alignment with the NOVAworks Board's Vision, Mission, and Purpose Statement.

RECOMMENDATION:

The NOVAworks Workforce Board is being asked to approve the updated Adult Program Priority of Service and the Priority of Service for Veterans and Eligible Spouses policies and procedures documents as part of the Consent Agenda.

Prepared by:

Eileen Stanly, Analyst

Reviewed by:

Giang Pham, Business Operations Manager

Annroyed by:

Marléna Sessions, Director



Date:

March 22, 2023

To:

NOVAworks Workforce Board

From:

NOVAworks staff

Subject:

Approval of Roadtrip Nation Project for Youth Services: Phase II

INTRODUCTION:

Eight-five percentage of jobs that will exist in 2030 haven't been invented yet. Today's young adults are navigating an uncertain path requiring a lifelong learning approach to staying current with a rapidly changing labor market. Roadtrip Nation, in partnership with NOVAworks, seeks to shift the current narrative for young adults from fear and uncertainty to empowerment, innovation and hope for the opportunities that lie ahead. The proposed project will include two phases. At the September 28, 2022, Board meeting, the Board approved the Roadtrip Nation Project for Phase I. Phase I will create an online Digital Community Hub with career resources, videos of community leaders and their career journeys, mentoring opportunities, and action steps for connecting with NOVAworks services and developing and implementing career plans.

Phase II of the Roadtrip Nation Project would involve launching a special road trip with a team of young adults to interview inspiring leaders in their fields of interest, such as health care, life sciences/biotech, and building trades industries, among others. They would receive training in videotaping these interviews for distribution to public television.

The initial plan was to implement Phase I and Phase II of the project consecutively over two program years, with Phase II launched following the completion of Phase I. NOVAworks staff is recommending that Phase II be moved up to implement concurrently with Phase I for several important reasons: 1) With plans for transforming the NOVAworks youth program underway, Phase II is viewed as pivotal for expanding the equity and social mobility goals of this new program's vision. 2) Roadtrip Nation's success in Philadelphia, Chicago and Wichita has had a tremendous impact on these communities. Postponing implementation of Phase II would further delay access to these needed services for our community's youth. 3) Due to short-term cost savings this fiscal year, funding for Phase II is available now and can be more effectively utilized this year for this effort. 4) The State requires that local boards spend at least 30 percent of combined adult and dislocated worker funding on training services. The continued impacts of COVID-19 have affected local boards' ability to achieve this goal this year. Phase II funding could be applied toward NOVAworks' training expenditure goal.

NOVAworks staff is seeking Board approval for Phase II of the Roadtrip Nation Project for youth services that will include up to \$360,000 in additional WIOA Title I youth funding.

DISCUSSION:

The Roadtrip Nation Project for youth services includes two phases:

• Phase I: Digital Community Hub: Roadtrip Nation will develop and host a regional landing page that will be accessible to the public and tailored to young adults. It will contain videos of stories from individuals who have overcome challenges in their career journeys. These will include job shadowing experiences, action tiles/resources for pursuing careers further that tap into NOVAworks services, and a link to mentors/educators who will assist with career exploration. Videos will include custom videos featuring

individuals recommended by NOVAworks. Social mobility and the use of social capital to access careers will be critical components of this project. This landing page will also provide an opportunity for NOVAworks to engage individuals disconnected from employment assistance in the past. The NOVAworks Board approved Phase I of the project at its September 28, 2022, meeting.

Phase II: Roadtrip & Television Special: Roadtrip Nation will launch a road trip with a team of three participants interested in the sectors highlighted below. They will hit the road in Roadtrip Nation's signature green RV and travel throughout Silicon Valley to interview inspiring leaders from all walks of life who have found unique ways to overcome hurdles and achieve career success. Through this experience, they will gain a deeper understanding of the diverse and rewarding career opportunities available. This entire road trip will be videotaped and produced for distribution to public television stations. Participants will play a role in this production process.

Industry sectors targeted for this project will contain those that are growing and good wages. These include health care, life sciences/biotech, and building trades industries, among others. Also, as part of this effort, NOVAworks will be partnering with the community colleges, including Foothill-De Anza and San Mateo County districts, and the northern Santa Clara County adult schools and K-12 school districts. NOVAworks will also engage differently abled youth in local high schools.

Phase I of the project entailed approximately \$245,000 in funding from WIOA Title I youth services, which was leveraged with up to \$150,000 in funding from the NOVAworks Foundation for a total of approximately \$395,000 in funding. In addition, Strada Collaborative, Inc., the Roadtrip Nation parent organization, would contribute a \$75,000 match to the project for a total value of approximately \$470,000 for Phase I.

NOVAworks staff is asking the NOVAworks Board for approval of Phase II of the Roadtrip Nation Project for youth services that will include up to \$360,000 in additional WIOA Title I youth services funding. The entire project that includes both Phase I (already approved by the Board) and Phase II (an additional \$360,000) will total up to \$830,000. With approval from the Board, both Phase I and Phase II of the Roadtrip Nation Project will move forward at the same time facilitating implementation of Phase II and the project's completion. As a result, NOVAworks will be closer to achieving its vision for its transformed youth program; accelerating the availability of these important services for our community's youth; effectively utilizing funding in an expedient manner; and achieving the State's training expenditure goal.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:

This is in alignment with the NOVAworks Board's Vision, Mission, and Purpose Statement.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board is being asked to approve Phase II of the Roadtrip Nation Project for youth services.

Prepared by:

Eileen Stanly, Analyst

Reviewed by:

Giang Pham, Business Operations Manager



Date:

March 22, 2023

To:

NOVAworks Workforce Board

From:

NOVAworks staff

Subject:

Approval of NOVAworks Partnership with Biocom California Institute for Life

Science Industry Workforce Services

INTRODUCTION:

The life science industry sector is a major driver of innovation, economic development, and job creation for the San Francisco Bay Area. The sector includes biotechnology, biopharmaceuticals, and medical devices and equipment. The Bay Area is home to 5,160 life science establishments with 146,130 employees and an average wage per worker of \$148,467 as of 2021.

This year finds the industry in a turbulent state, experiencing both increased layoffs and a continued drive to find new talent channels to fuel future growth. Since September 2022, there have been 13 WARN mass-layoff notices in the NOVAworks local workforce area affecting 633 workers.

In response, NOVAworks and Biocom California Institute are seeking to launch a holistic workforce partnership designed to address the needs of laid off industry workers, job seekers from underserved communities seeking career opportunities in the industry, and companies seeking help addressing layoff and hiring activities. The proposed partnership would be one year with a cost to NOVAworks of \$247,000. Biocom California Institute (Biocom) is a 501(c)(3) organization established by Biocom California, the largest advocate for the state's life science sector.

DISCUSSION:

The Biocom partnership would encompass six phases, all focused on enhancing NOVAworks' connections and access to employers in a vital industry sector. The phases include:

- <u>Co-branded Rapid Response presentations</u>: This opportunity would provide laid off life sciences workers with access to Biocom's industry relationships, including helping workers secure interviews with prospective new companies, and career navigation services available through NOVAworks and its Rapid Response partners. This phase would include Biocom support with content development and up to six Rapid Response presentations.
- Identification of companies needing assistance in expansion and displacement of workers: This phase will address the needs of smaller companies seeking workforce assistance in both expanding and contracting their work forces. Biocom would help identify companies, assess their needs and assist NOVAworks in building custom content for dislocated workers. This

phase would include up to six presentations – in partnership with NOVA – to companies and their employees.

- <u>Upskilling NOVAworks customers:</u> This phase would provide NOVAworks customers with labor market information about the life science sector and would include two presentations.
- Connecting NOVAworks customers to life science employers: Biocom would work with NOVAworks to create a career fair for qualified customers seeking careers in life science and would assist these individuals in uploading resumés into the Biocom Career Portal.
- <u>Career Exploration Fellowships</u>: Biocom would replicate a successful career exploration pilot underway in Southern California and provide up to 20 NOVAworks customers with a six-month fellowship opportunity. This phase would focus on customers from populations currently underrepresented in the life science industry. Activities would include one-on-one mentoring with a manager or above at a local company, training in networking, resumé building, interviewing with industry professionals currently practicing in the field, as well as access to Biocom networking events.
- NOVAworks presentations to Biocom member companies: NOVAworks would become a member of Biocom and present information to Biocom member companies regarding funding and partnership opportunities available through the public workforce system.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:

This is in alignment with the NOVAworks Board's Vision, Mission, and Purpose Statement.

RECOMMENDATION:

The NOVAworks Workforce Board is being asked to approve a partnership with Biocom California Institute to provide workforce services in the life sciences industry sector.

Prepared by:

Luther Jackson, Management Analyst

Reviewed by: ___

Giang Pham, Business Operations Manager

Approved by:

Marléna Sessions, Director

PY22-23	Q2 Enrollment a	nd Expenditu 022 - 12/31/202		
Office	Program	Enrollr	nents	% Plan
		Q2 Plan	Actual	
NOVA	Adult	288	512	178%
	DW	166	253	152%
		Q2 Plan	Actual	
CLCP	Adult	75	153	204%
	DW	105	49	47%
		Q2 Plan	Actual	
JobTrain	Youth	28	13	46%



WIOA Performance PY2022

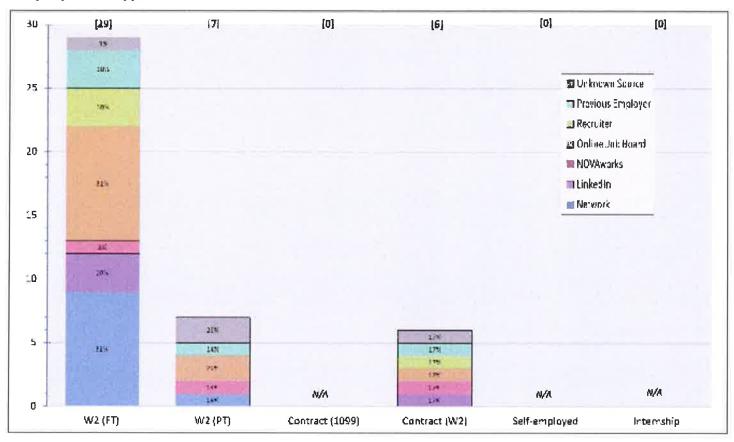
Q2 Report Period

Adult Performance NOVA	Exit Timeframe	# of Participants	PY 20/21 Actuals	PY 22/23 Goals	Success Rate
Employment Q2	7/1/21 - 12/31/21	189 298	63.4%	60.0%	105.7%
Employed Q4	1/1/21 - 6/30/21	200 298	67.1%	54.0%	124.3%
Median Earnings	7/1/21 - 12/31/21		\$ 14,702	\$ 12,200	120.5%
Credential Attainment Rate	1/1/21 - 6/30/21	11 20	55.0%	65.0%	84.6%
Measurable Skill Gains*	7/1/22 - 12/31/22	22	40.9%	40.0%	102.3%
Dislocated Worker Performance NOVA	Exit Timeframe	# of Participants	PY 22 Actuals	PY 22/23 Goals	Success Rate
Employment Q2	7/1/21 - 12/31/21	133 196	67.86%	65.0%	104.40%
Employed Q4	1/1/21 - 6/30/21	171 235	72.77%	68.0%	107.01%
Median Earnings	7/1/21 - 12/31/21		\$ 22,750	\$ 18,000	126.4%
Credential Attainment Rate	1/1/21 - 6/30/21	62 84	73.81%	72.0%	102.51%
Measurable Skill Gains*	7/1/22 - 12/31/22	13 44	29.55%	52.0%	56.82%
Youth Performance NOVA	Exit Timeframe	# of Participants	PY 22 Actuals	PY 22/23 Goals	Success Rate
Employment Q2	7/1/21 - 12/31/21	<u>46</u> 52	88.5%	79.0%	112.0%
Employed Q4	1/1/21 - 6/30/21	22 25	88.0%	75.0%	117.3%
Median Earnings	7/1/21 - 12/31/21		\$ 5,372	\$ 5,000	107.4%
Credential Attainment Rate	1/1/21 - 6/30/21	<u>18</u> 19	94.7%	79.0%	119.9%
Measurable Skill Gains*	7/1/22 - 12/31/22	<u>17</u> 25	68.0%	54.0%	125.93%



Dislocated Workers (2022, Q2)

Employment Type & Source of Referral



Sample Employers

Company Name
Apple (contractor)
Aapptec
Acumen LLC/The SPHERE institute
Catholic Charities at Santa Clara County
Earth Justice
Evergreen Elementary School District
Gate Scientific
Genotixbio
Greyster Company
Jamba Juice
Keysite Technology
NEC
Power Integrations
Slingshot Biosciences
Versum Materials US
Walmart

Sample Job Titles

Job Title	
Business Analyst	
Chemical Technician	
consulting scientist	
Data Analyst	
Human Resources Director	
IT QA Administrator	
Maintenance	
Marcom Project Manager	
Patient Advocate (Ombudamen)	
Project Manager	
Project Manager II	
Quality Assurance Engineer	
Scientist	
Software Engineer	
Software Engineer	
Special Education Teacher	
Team Member	
Technical Sales	

	NOVA Grant Status Report For the Period from July 1, 20	Grant Status Report the Period from July 1, 2022 through March 1, 2023			
Source	Title	Period of Performance To	Total Available	PTD Spend Actual	Remaining Balance
WIOA WIOA	Adult - PY21 (Carry-in) Adult - PY22	06/23	200,804	200,804	995.368
WIOA	Dislocated Worker - PY21 (Carry-in) Dislocated Worker - PY22	06/23 06/24	418,390 2,138,887	367,796	50,594 1,733,898
WIOA	Youth - PY21 (Carry-in) Youth - PY22	06/23 06/24	405,912 1,496,149	277,955	127,956
WIOA	Rapid Response - PY21 (Carry-in) Rapid Response - PY22	09/22 06/23	12,664	12,664	1,451,732
WIOA	RR Layoff Aversion - PY21 (Carry-in) RR Layoff Aversion - PY22	09/22 06/23	15,918 514,634	15,918	362,399
	Allocation Subtotal		8,455,733	2,445,710	6,010,023
WIOA	25% Additional Assistance - Reemployment & Equity	09/22	900,000	900,000	(0)
State NDWG	Employment Recovery NDWG	03/23	200,000	131,597	68,403
DOL NDWG	CAREER DWG	08/23	3,000,000	1,098,307	1,901,693
SMC ARPA	San Mateo County ARPA Workforce Pilot Program	02/23	400,000	390,561	9,439
CEC	Prospect Silicon Valley - Berkely Unified School Dist	07/23	15,000	10,020	4,980
CEC	Prospect Silicon Valley - Twin Rivers Unified School	07/23	15,000	10,749	4,251
SCC ARPA	*Santa Clara County ARPA Workforce Pilot Program	06/23	250,000	60,199	189,801
	NOVA Subtotal (includes Allocation subtotal)		13,235,733	5,047,142	8,188,592
	RPU Funding - NOVA Allotment only				
RPU / WIOA	RPI 4.0 Advanced Equity thru Skills Based Hiring	09/22	292,500	290,776	1,724
RPU	Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships	09/25	800,000	•	800,000
	RPU Subtotal		1,092,500	290,776	801,724
	TOTAL		14,328,233	5,337,918	8,990,315
	NOVA Foundation		1 193 756	18 055	1 175 700



February 1, 2023

Marlena Sessions Director North Santa Clara Valley Job Training Consortium 505 West Olive Avenue, Suite 550 Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Dear Marlena Sessions:

FISCAL REVIEW 85% FORMULA GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 FINAL MONITORING REPORT

This final monitoring report is to inform you of the results of the Employment Development Department, Compliance Review Office (CRO), Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Enhanced Desk Monitoring Review (EDMR) of the North Santa Clara Valley Job Training Consortium's (NOVA)'s fiscal systems for Program Year (PY) 2021-22.

Our review was conducted under the authority of WIOA, Sections 183(a) and 184(a)(4). The purpose of this review was to determine the level of compliance by NOVA with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, policies, and directives related to the WIOA grant, specific to financial management activities for PY 2021-22. NOVA was awarded WIOA funds to provide centralized comprehensive workforce services to adults, dislocated workers, youth, and rapid response. The scope of the review covered the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

For the fiscal portion of the review, we focused on the following areas: fiscal policies and procedures, financial reporting, expenditures charged to the WIOA grants, cost allocation, indirect cost rate, cash management, internal controls, and oversight of your subrecipients, audits, and debt collection.

The EDMR review was conducted by Daniel Jordan from January 9, 2023 through January 13, 2023. The exit conference for this review was held on January 17, 2023.

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We collected the information for this report through interviews with NOVA representatives; and by reviewing applicable policies, procedures, a sample of PY 2021-22 expenditures, and your response to the Fiscal Monitoring Questionnaire.

FISCAL REVIEW RESULTS

We conclude that we did not identify any areas of NOVA not meeting WIOA requirements concerning financial management.

SUMMARY

Because the methodology for our monitoring review included sample testing, this report is not a comprehensive assessment of all areas included in our review. It is NOVA's responsibility to ensure that the systems, programs, and related activities comply with the WIOA grant program, federal and state regulations, and applicable state directives. Therefore, any deficiencies identified in subsequent reviews, such as an audit, would remain NOVA's responsibility.

Please extend our appreciation to your staff for their cooperation and assistance during our review. If you have any questions regarding this report or the review that was conducted, please contact Daniel Jordan, Compliance Monitoring Analyst, at Daniel.Jordan@edd.ca.gov or Karen Fuller-Ware, Compliance Monitoring Supervisor, at Karen.Fuller-Ware@edd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

C Harrington

CINDY HARRINGTON, Office Chief Compliance Monitoring and Resolution Section Compliance Review Office

cc: See Attached Distribution List

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