



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development

Date: March 24, 2008

To: Council Member Scott Benson, Health, Energy & Environment Committee

Referral to: Council Member Paul Ostrow, Ways & Means/Budget Committee

**Subject: Acceptance of Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development funds for the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership.**

**Recommendation:** Authorization to enter into a contract with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development to accept \$154,078 for the time period of March 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 for the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership.

**Previous Directives:** None

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Approved by: Cathy Polasky, Director of Economic Policy and Development

Presenters in Committee: Deb Bahr-Helgen, Director, METP

### Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval \_N/A\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval \_N/A\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Impact

- No financial impact

### Community Impact

- City Goals – One Minneapolis
- Living Wage/Business Subsidy Agreement Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No **X**

### Supporting Information

The Minneapolis Employment and Training Program (METP) has been selected to administer a Low Income Worker Training Program grant through the MN Job Skills Partnership Board (MSJP). The grant will be a partnership between METP, the Minneapolis' WorkForce Centers (WFC), and Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC) to recruit and assess 65 eligible low-income candidates (including minority candidates) for a healthcare training and placement program.

The goals of the program are to:

- Increase the number of trained Healthcare Support professionals
- Recruit low-income individuals into a career that can provide a livable wage, benefits, and career ladder
- Support the growth of the healthcare industry in the City of Minneapolis
- Reduce turnover in the healthcare industry through long-term employment

Participants will first complete MnSCU's standardized Healthcare Core Curriculum provided through MCTC. Courses will be taught at a pace and schedule that accommodates the needs of low-income workers and individuals with little education and employment history. After completing the Healthcare Core Curriculum, the participant will continue specialized training in one of three areas: Community Health Worker, Central Services Technician (Sterile Instrument Processing), or Nursing Assistant/Home Health Aide. Certificates will be issued upon completion of the testing process and the WorkForce Center will provide placement services to successful candidates.