MEETING NOTICE

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Work Ready Skills Advisory Committee to meet Sept. 14

New board will review 114 workforce development proposals

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 9, 2016) – The Work Ready Skills Advisory Committee, formed to review and select project proposals for the Commonwealth's new $100 million workforce bond program, will meet at 9 a.m. (EDT) on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at the offices of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet in Frankfort — 300 Sower Blvd., 1st Floor, Training Room A.

Announced by Governor Matt Bevin, Education and Workforce Development Cabinet Secretary Hal Heiner, and Cabinet for Economic Development Acting Secretary Erik Dunnigan in July, the Kentucky Work Ready Skills Initiative is aimed at developing a highly trained, modernized workforce to meet the needs of employers and promote sustainable incomes for Kentuckians.

Officials received 114 pre-applications, totaling more than $524 million in requests, for first-round funding consideration.

Individual project funding requests ranged from $40,000 - $28 million. Proposals came from all 10 state workforce areas and addressed a wide array of key industry sectors, including manufacturing, healthcare, technology, transportation, and construction/trades.

The 10-member Work Ready Skills Advisory Committee is comprised of the following individuals, with Secretary Heiner serving as committee chairman:

- Secretary Hal Heiner – Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet
- Secretary Derrick Ramsey – Kentucky Labor Cabinet
- Acting Secretary Erik Dunnigan – Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development
- Hugh Haydon – chairman, Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board
- Vik Chadha, of Louisville – GlowTouch Technologies (Louisville)
- Kathy Gornik, of Lexington – THIEL Audio (Lexington)
- Shad Sletto, of Fort Mitchell – EGC Construction (Newport)
- Kristel Smith, of Frankfort – EKU Kentucky Innovation Network (Richmond)
- Bob Mitchell, of Corbin – appointee of Kentucky Senate President Robert Stivers
- Mike Bowling, of Middlesboro – appointee of Kentucky Speaker of the House Greg Stumbo

Upon reviewing proposals, the committee will announce which pre-applicants have been selected to submit full project applications. (Written notification will also be sent to all pre-applicants.)

Full applications will be due in late October, and officials plan to make first-round funding announcements before the end of 2016.

An agenda will be posted at www.KentuckyWorkReady.com at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Individuals with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations by calling 502-564-0372.

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WORK READY SKILLS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (EDT)

300 Building • 1st Floor • Training Room A

300 Sower Blvd. • Frankfort, KY

AGENDA

- **9:00 a.m.** Welcome and Introductions
- **9:30 a.m.** Background on Kentucky Work Ready Skills Initiative
- **10:30 a.m.** Overview of Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) process
- **11:00 a.m.** Ethics Overview
- **11:10 a.m.** Adoption of Committee Bylaws
- **11:25 a.m.** Discussion of Review Process of Pre-Applications
- **12:00 noon** Lunch (provided for committee members)
- **12:30 p.m.** Closed Session
- **3:30 p.m.** Announcement of Results of Pre-Application Review
- **4:15 p.m.** Discussion of Full Application
  - Discussion of Scoring Criteria
  - Discussion of Elements of Full Form
- **5:00 p.m.** Adjournment