Governor's Work-Based Learning Board BIENNIAL BUDGET FACT SHEET

The 1999-01 state biennial budget created the seventeen member Work-Based Learning Board to administer and coordinate Wisconsin's School to Work system, including youth apprenticeship, school-to-work programs, and other work-based learning programs for youth. The Board is attached to the Department of Workforce Development for administrative purposes.

The GWBLB requested no new initiatives or budget increases for the 2001-03 biennium. Under the Governor's Budget, funding for all programs remains the same, except for TANF funding, which is reduced from \$8,192,000 to \$4,000,000 for the biennium.

Background

Wisconsin was one of the first eight states to receive federal School-to-Work Opportunities Act funding. Approximately \$27 million was awarded between 1994-1999 to establish a statewide school-to-work system. The state received \$1.1 million in federal transition funding in1999-2000 to help sustain the School to Work system. The grants supported 31 local and regional partnerships over the past seven years.

All School-to-Work partnerships have actively participated in the programs currently coordinated by the Governor's Work-Based Learning Board. The Board oversees the following programs included in the Governor's 2001-03 Budget Bill:

Current Programs

- Local Youth Apprenticeship Grants Grants were awarded to 39 local partnerships to implement and coordinate youth apprenticeship programs during the 1999-02 biennium. High school students are provided with valuable job skills and advanced technical college credits in high demand occupations.
 - ➤22 occupational areas (ex.. automotive, health, information technology, etc)
 - ≥3500 youth apprentices enrolled
 - ≥2000 employers providing paid on-the-job training
 - ≥360 school districts involved

Grants were also awarded to nine business, industry and labor organizations to assist local partnerships with recruiting employers for youth apprenticeship programs. Grants were awarded to:

WI Auto & Truck Dealers Foundation WI Plastics Valley Association Rural Health Association Work for Wisconsin Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership WI Automotive & Truck Ed. Association WI Health & Hospital Association Agribusiness Foundation Printing Industries of Wisconsin

• \$3,150,000 for 1999-01 biennium

\$3,150,000 for 2001-03 biennium

- Technical Preparation (Tech Prep) Programs The federal Carl Perkins Vocational & Technical Education Act of 1998, Title II, provides funding to develop the academic, vocational and academic skills of secondary students. Wisconsin's 16 technical college boundaries serve as Tech Prep consortium boundaries and include all 426 K-12 school districts in the state. Tech Prep programs and activities include:
 - Connecting high school students with technical college and University of Wisconsin systems through Youth Apprenticeship, Youth Options, distance education and courses contracted between the high school, technical college & UW;
 - ➤ Staff development for high school and middle school instructors;
 - Externships for teachers, administrators and counselors at local businesses;
 - ➤ Preparing high school students to enroll in a technical college following graduation.
 - \$2,133,800 for 1999-01 biennium

\$2,284,200 for 2001-03 biennium

- School-to-Work for At-Risk Youth This program links a national model program for atrisk youth, Jobs for America's Graduates, with Wisconsin's Youth Apprenticeship Program, to provide at-risk students in the Milwaukee Public School District with occupational skills that lead to good jobs.
 - \$600,000 for 1999-01 biennium

\$600,000 for 2001-03 biennium

- Work-Based Learning Programs for Tribal Colleges Grants have been awarded to the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College (LCO) and the College of the Menomonie Nation to provide occupational training and work-based learning experiences to high school students, college students, and incumbent workers. LCO has implemented Youth Apprenticeship programs in the high school to encourage more students to graduate and enroll in the Community College.
 - \$1.2 million for 1999-01 biennium

\$1.2 million for 2001-03 biennium

- Work-Based Learning Programs for TANF-Eligible Youth Federal TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) grants are giving low-income youth the opportunity to explore career options, develop the skills needed to enroll in state-certified work-based learning programs, such as youth apprenticeship and skill certified cooperative education programs, and/or to receive training for occupations in high demand. Grants were awarded to three CESA's, five Workforce Development Boards and six Technical Colleges.
 - \$8,192,000 for 1999-01 biennium

\$4,000,000 for 2001-03 biennium

- Career Counseling Center Program The responsibility for planning, coordinating and administering the career counseling center program would be transferred to the Governor's Work-Based Learning Board as recommended in the Governor's 2001-03 budget. No appropriation is included. The centers are currently administered by the Division of Workforce Solutions in the Department of Workforce Development.
 - \$0 for 1999-01 biennium

\$0 for 2001-03 biennium