



*Katherine Wilson, Chairman
Curtis Austin, President*

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 22, 2006
To: Board Members, Workforce Florida
From: Curtis Austin, President
Subject: Region 23 Re-chartering

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As you will recall, formal action was taken by the WFI Board at its February 16th, meeting, regarding the re-chartering of Region 23. The specific board action contingently approved the charter for Region 23, based upon the assumption that the Region would have formal approval of its new interlocal agreement and appointment of Board members by March 1, 2006. You should note that the March 1 deadline was not initiated by WFI but was at the request of the local drafters of the new Interlocal Agreement that calls for abolition of the current RWB Board, establishment of the new board, and shift of admin/fiscal responsibilities all on that date; and that date has also been formally approved by the Monroe County Commission. You may also recall that the initial Board imposed date as established at the December board meeting was February 1, which obviously was not achieved.

Unfortunately, as explained in a February 21, 2006, letter from Executive Director Rick Beasley to Chairman Wilson and me (copy attached), a member of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners invoked a local procedural rule to delay consideration and possible approval of the revised Interlocal Agreement and therefore the Board did not take formal action relative to the restructuring as we would have expected. Due to this, the Executive Director is asking for reconsideration by our Board to allow a modification of the March 1 deadline imposed by us to allow them until March 16th to finalize the approval of the ILA.

In discussions with Chairman Wilson today, she asked that we solicit your thoughts and concerns regarding this request. It would seem that essentially we have two major options:

- 1) Stay the course and appoint a "receiver" as of March 1 until local formal compliance is achieved by the region, or

2) Defer any action on this issue by the Board and by Board staff until the next scheduled Executive Committee to be held on March 15, 2006.

Due to the urgency in responding to the Region and the need for formalize actions regarding the “receivership” and oversight until such time as the Region comes into full compliance, I need your response no later than this Friday, February 24th. Please email Ms. Helen Jones of our staff (hjones@workforceflorida.com) by close of business on Friday, so that we can move accordingly.

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Attachments