

**NEW YORK CITY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
TRAINING COMMITTEE**

Meeting of May 3, 2005

**At the New York City Department of Small Business Services
110 William Street, 7th Floor Board Room**

Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance:

Rocco Damato Mia Simon for John Mogulescu
William Janowitz Howard Van Jones
Joseph McDermott

Also Present:

Brian Egan Lisa Laudico
David Farber David Padrino
Alinda Franks Bonnie Potter
Charles Houston Marilyn Shea

Rocco Damato, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 8, 2005 and April 19, 2005 Training Committee meetings were approved.

NYC Workforce Training Grant Program Presentation

Lisa Laudico, Assistant Commissioner for Business/Workforce Partnerships at the New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS) presented a concept for the NYC Workforce Training Grant Program. The program will serve as a primary vehicle for the delivery of Workforce Investment Act-funded training services for employers. Under the terms of the program, qualifying businesses may receive grants covering up to 50% of training-related costs. The goals of the NYC Workforce Training Grant Program include addressing skill set shortages as identified by employers, upgrading the skill sets of jobseekers and current workers, and generating jobs for unemployed or underemployed workers by providing companies with the trained labor they need to grow.

The Committee approved the NYC Workforce Training Grants concept. The Committee also directed the staff of the Workforce Investment Board to conduct additional research on customer income and the self-sufficiency standard for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

Individual Training Account (ITA) and Training Provider Performance Update

Charles Houston, ITA Program Manager at SBS, presented a revised Quarterly ITA Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2005, which included a review of approved ITAs and the pre- and post-training wages for customers entering the top ten training occupations as compared to O*NET median wages. Mr. Houston also provided an update on the Training Provider Quality Program, including the progress of training providers in meeting the New York State licensing requirement and the 50% customer placement threshold.

Conclusion

Following the business described above, the meeting was adjourned.