



RESOLUTION NO. 39146

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the Youth Building Tacoma Project; authorizing the
2 extension of the Youth Building Tacoma program for the 2015-2016
3 biennium; and authorizing the execution of an agreement with the
4 Tacoma-Pierce County Employment and Training Consortium, dba
5 Workforce Central, in the amount of \$325,000, budgeted from the Youth
6 Build Tacoma Fund, for pre-apprenticeship training from January 1, 2015,
7 through December 31, 2015.

8 WHEREAS, on September 16, 1997, the City Council passed
9 Ordinance No. 26128, which established the Youth Building Tacoma Training and
10 Employment Project ("Project") for the purpose of focusing resources to promote
11 the development of a trained workforce, particularly in building and construction
12 trades and technical and career fields, and

13 WHEREAS the Project trains, places, and supports young adults, ages
14 18 to 24 years, residing in the City of Tacoma, with an emphasis on participants
15 from the Empowerment Zone, women, minorities, those transitioning from welfare,
16 and those with limited English-speaking abilities, and

17 WHEREAS, since 1997, Youth Building Tacoma funding has been a sole
18 source agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Employment and Training
19 Consortium, dba Workforce Central ("TPCETC"), and approximately 1,200 young
20 adults have been served using a case management/soft-skills model, and

21 WHEREAS, in 2014, the Youth Building Tacoma Advisory Committee
22 implemented a pre-apprenticeship model (TOOL Center) to better serve the intent
23 of the Project and meet the legal requirements for use of ratepayer funds, and
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1 WHEREAS, under the current service-delivery model, participants are
2 provided with work-readiness training, a multi-craft trades discovery curriculum, and
3 math and reading instruction to meet a minimum ninth-grade skill level, and

4 WHEREAS participants are also offered space in the Tacoma Public
5 Utilities' ("TPU") Water Division math courses, and driver's license training is offered
6 to alleviate one of the primary barriers to employment for the population served,
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8 WHEREAS the Project produces program graduates who are qualified for
9 entry-level positions at the Water and Power Divisions of TPU, and
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11 WHEREAS the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget contains funding sufficient to
12 support the Project, which is jointly and equally funded by General Government and
13 Tacoma Public Utilities, and

14 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2015, the Tacoma Public Utility Board approved a
15 similar resolution to commit its resources to the Project, and
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17 WHEREAS City staff recommends entering into an agreement with the
18 TPCETC, in the amount of \$325,000, for 2015 Project implementation, and

19 WHEREAS, under the recommended agreement, the TPCETC will
20 contribute approximately \$165,000 in in-kind services for 2015, and
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22 WHEREAS City staff will issue a competitive Request for Proposals for the
23 purpose of evaluating and selecting a provider for 2016 Project services; Now,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

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Section 1. That the Youth Building Tacoma Training and Employment Project, a comprehensive job-training and pre-apprenticeship program focused on the development of a trained workforce, is hereby authorized and extended for the 2015-2016 biennium.

Section 2. That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Tacoma-Pierce County Employment and Training Consortium dba Workforce Central, in the amount of \$325,000, budgeted from the Youth Build Tacoma Fund, for the Youth Building Tacoma program for the period of January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2015, said document to be substantially in the form of the proposed agreement on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney