

Oregon Talent Council Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2016 7:45am Public Telephonic Meeting

Voting Members Present:

Eileen Boerger, David Childers, Mike Donnelly, Don Hendrickson, Soundharya Nagasubramanian, Becky Pape, Matt Smits

Voting Members Absent:

Josh Bratt, Cheryl Stewart

Employment Department:

Kay Erickson, Shalee Hodgson, Melissa Leoni, Michele Vitali

Meeting called to order at 7:45am

The meeting was called to order and quorum was established by roll call of voting members.

Overview of Round I Grant Process

Melissa Leoni provided an overview of the Round I Request for Grant Proposal process. Of 23 proposals received, eleven passed the minimum requirements surrounding documentation of co-investment and were evaluated by a team of four industry professionals and two staff. The Evaluation Team, composed of three councilors, one industry representative, and two staff, scored the proposals. The three councilors then evaluated the ranked list of projects against the 2 million set aside by the Council for Round I to develop the recommendations for awards.

Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

Discussion and Approval of Round 1 Award Recommendations

Don Hendrickson stated for the record that although he has no direct involvement, due to Boeing's letter of commitment for the Mt. Hood Community College proposal, he has a Potential Conflict of Interest and under the Council's Bylaws will refrain from any discussion and voting on this matter.

David Childers presented the below recommended proposals for funding, noting the following.

The 4 recommended proposals:

- represent 4 of the 5 industry sectors of the Council
- are split across public universities and community colleges, with two being collaborative
- demonstrate approximately \$700k in co-investment from industry and other partners
- another \$946k is being contributed by the sponsoring organizations in co-investment

David thanked the evaluation team for their work and asked for any additional comments from Soundharya or Eileen. Soundharya commented that she was extremely pleased with the results. Eileen also said she was happy to see high caliber results out of our first Round. David concluded with the note that many lessons were

learned from Round I and as a result he is asking staff and the Grants Committee to incorporate those lessons into Round II and delay the release that was anticipated for today.

Since the amount requested by the top four proposals exceeded the \$2 million budget for this round, an equal percentage reduction of approximately 10% was applied to the top 4 proposals to keep within \$2 million.

OTC Round 1 Award Summary (Institution, Industry Sector, Recommended Award, Occupational Cluster, Proposal Summary)		
Oregon Institute of Technology/Oregon Tech	Information Technology	\$340,783
Occupational Cluster(s): Cyber and Information Security		
<i>Cybersecurity Workforce Development.</i> Oregon Tech proposes to offer an undergraduate dual major and graduate level certificate in cybersecurity, starting in the Fall of 2016 at both the Klamath Falls and Wilsonville campuses, as well as online. Undergraduate students will earn a degree with a second major in cybersecurity in four years by completing additional specialized coursework during the summers. Cybersecurity courses will be aligned with industry standard certifications, and where possible, use actual certification exams in place of final exams, giving students additional credentials and immediate qualifications while they are completing their program.		
Mount Hood Community College	Advanced Manufacturing	\$453,129
Occupational Cluster(s): Technologically Skilled Mechanics and Maintenance Technicians		
<i>Advanced Manufacturing Certification Center.</i> Developed over 18 months of planning with industry leaders, the AMCC in the East Portland Metro area has the capacity to train 500 new and existing manufacturing workers by 2021. Considerable federal, state, and local resources are committed to this initiative. The project will support economic development by increasing the quantity and quality of the talent available to the over 600 manufacturers in the region by providing the best-educated and most skilled workforce possible for the community.		
OHSU (and Oregon State University)	Bioscience	\$672,403
Occupational Cluster(s): Systems & Data Specialists; Data & Business Intelligence Analysts; Interdisciplinary Engineering		
<i>Industry Relevant Training and Research Experiences for Biomedical Engineering and Data Science Students.</i> To provide the skilled professionals needed to sustain Oregon's growth in biomedical engineering, this project will integrate industry-centric training and experiential learning activities within new transdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate programs at OHSU and OSU. Together with the Oregon Bioscience Association, will establish a program enabling trainees to cross traditional disciplinary boundaries and transition from academia into commercial enterprise through the use of industry-oriented BioPro short courses, including e-campus courses and internships.		
Oregon State University (and Portland State University)	Energy	\$533,686
Occupational Cluster(s): Interdisciplinary Engineering		
<i>Pacific NW Electrical System Resiliency/Disaster Preparedness Training.</i> To address the urgent talent gap for energy systems engineers, OSU will partner with PSU and industry partners Central Lincoln PUD, PGE and Pacific Power to develop graduate level, professional development, and industrial short-courses for incumbent and emerging talent in the electrical power systems area. Electrical power systems engineers will be trained for disaster preparedness and electrical system resiliency, with particular attention to a Cascadia Subduction Zone event.		

Finally, he added that staff will also be following up in some cases to have additional conversations with the sponsors for ideas that could be repackaged for Round II or possible direct funding.

The recommended **Round I Award Recommendation** was approved by unanimous roll call vote following a motion by Eileen Boerger and seconded by Matt Smits. Don Hendrickson abstained.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00am.