



REGIONAL SOLUTIONS OFFICE
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South Coast Umpqua Regional Solutions Advisory Committee

Representing Coos, Curry and Douglas Counties

AGENDA

Friday, April 29, 2016 – 10:00 AM - Noon
International Port of Coos Bay
125 Central Avenue - Coos Bay, OR 97420

Call-in option: 877 848-7030 Password: 5495754#

- 10 AM Welcome/Self-Introductions
Keith Tymchuk, Convener
- 10:05 Review Regional Solutions Program/Advisory Committee Purpose
Alex Campbell, S Coast Umpqua RS Coordinator
- 10:20 Appoint Replacement Advisory Committee Member for Douglas County
Keith Tymchuk, Convener
- 10:25 Review Adopted Regional Priorities/State Agency Role & Projects
S Coast Umpqua Regional Solutions Team
- 11:00 Coastal Port Dredging Update
James Clemens, Port Manager, Port of Gold Beach
- 11:15 Youth Work Employment Project
Alex Campbell, S Coast Umpqua RS Coordinator
- 11:45 Public Comment

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**REGIONAL SOLUTIONS PROGRAM & PURPOSE
(EXCERPTS FROM SCU ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER)**

South Coast Umpqua Regional Solutions

PURPOSE: To identify regional priorities for community and economic development, develop and coordinate regional projects, address issues and seize opportunities.

Advisory Committee Mission

- Provide a forum for public, private, and civic sector stakeholders to discuss, understand, and leverage resources to address priority community and economic development issues and opportunities in the region.
- Communicate regional community and economic development issues to the public, neighboring regions, area legislators and other interested organizations
- Advise the Governor’s Office, state agencies, and other organizations on state and regional policies affecting community and economic development issues and opportunities in the region

Advisory Committee Members - Roles and Responsibilities

- Establish regional priorities for community and economic development in the region
- Consider, review, and recommend regional project proposals
- Identify opportunities to connect technical and financial assistance resources to implement regional projects
- Advocate regional priorities and community and economic development issues and opportunities to other sector, community, and regional advisory groups, and state and federal elected officials

Regional Solutions Team Roles and Responsibilities

- Assist Advisory Committee in the identification and Implementation of projects that address regional priorities
- Identify and coordinate state agency technical and financial assistance resources with other available resources in alignment with regional priorities

Youth Workforce Development and Community Infrastructure Pilot Project Program Design Questions for Advisory Committee

Pilot Definition per Staff Report for HB 5030:

“Funding to local governments and other organizations for community infrastructure construction projects where these employers agree to provide work experience opportunities for teens and young adults.”

Program Goals:

- Provide meaningful work experiences to young adults with little or no prior connection to the workforce.
- Provide basic career orientation and evaluation services to youth participants.
- Wherever possible, connect youth work experiences to identifiable career pathways.
- Support community infrastructure projects with strong economic development connections.

Key Questions

Eligible “Community Infrastructure Construction Projects”

Construction projects must be capital construction projects, given that the source of funding will be bonded debt. In addition, the construction project must create “Community Infrastructure.” Any capital construction project by a local government creating a publically-owned asset or on public land can s assumed to be community infrastructure. **Community Infrastructure projects carried out by “other organizations” must be ... what? How tightly or broadly to define this?**

Workforce development components

- 1) Recipient organization provides meaningful work experience. **Should we require that work experience be directly related to capital construction?**
- 2) Eligible workers. Workers will be ages 17-25 and out of school. Eligible workers are those with relatively low levels of work-relevant skills at the time of hire and/or **lack strong work history.**
- 3) Workforce providers will pre-assess participants, develop an Individual Employment Plan (IEP) with skill obtainment goals. Case managers will provide career information and participants will also be considered for additional services - Leadership Training, Career Pathways, Pre-Apprenticeship opportunities, etc.

Project Selection

- 1) Possible **evaluation criteria**
 - a. Connection between capital construction project and work experience (5 pts).
 - b. Quality of work experience in terms of skill attainment and applicability of those skills to employer/labor market demands (25 pts), preference given especially to STEM-related learning and skills.
 - c. Recipient’s capacity and experience with work experience programs and/or “on-boarding” groups of relatively inexperienced workers (10 pts).
 - d. Potential of transitioning work experience participants to full-time employment with grant recipient (10 pts).
 - e. Economic development benefit of community infrastructure project (15 pts).
 - f. Ratio of grant funds requested to total hours of work experience provided (i.e. work experience hours/grant \$) (20 pts).
 - g. Connection of capital project to one or more adopted South Coast Umpqua Regional Solutions Priorities and/or Southwest Oregon Workforce Investment Board sector strategies (15 pts).
- 2) Application process: Pre-screening (i.e., **application by invitation**).
- 3) Selection process
 - a. RST **staff**—with input from workforce providers—**score** applications versus evaluation criteria. **Scores will inform/guide discussion**, not make the final determination.
 - b. **Sub-committee of the South Coast Umpqua Advisory Committee (AC)**, with staff support, will review applications and their assigned scores. Sub-committee will develop a **draft recommendation** to the Advisory Committee.
 - c. Sub-committee is encouraged to take into consideration **regional balance** in project selection, i.e., to distribute projects to the extent feasible in each primary labor shed in the region.
 - d. Full **Advisory Committee makes final decision**.

Pilot Program Timeline

- Complete program definition and initial negotiations with workforce provider
June 15 2016
- Outreach/solicitation
through September
- Finalize Application form
July 15
- Finalize contract with workforce providers
July 31
- Deadline for applications
October 15
- Complete staff review of applications & scoring
November 15
- Sub-committee meeting to develop draft project slate
December
- AC meeting to approve project allocations
Jan 2017
- Complete grant agreements
March 2017