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AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 5, 2003

TO: Lane County Board of Commissioners

FROM:  Chuck Forster, Executive Director
Lane Workforce Partnership

SUBJECT: ORDER/IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE LANE
WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I. MOTION

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PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 requires the establishment of local workforce investment boards (comprised of a majority from business). The local board sets policy for the workforce investment system in its area.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

The Lane Workforce Partnership is the local workforce board for Lane County under the Workforce Investment Act. In order to receive federal job training funds for youth, adults and dislocated workers, workforce boards must include representation of six groups:

- Business
- Education
- Labor organizations
- Community-based organizations
- Economic development agencies
- Representatives of each of the one-stop partners

Program services are provided through The Workforce Network (Lane County's local one-stop). An initiative of the Lane Workforce Partnership Board of Directors, The Workforce Network is an alliance of workforce organizations which include:

- Department of Human Services
- Employment Department
- Lane Community College
- Lane Workforce Partnership
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services

B. Analysis

Howard Yamamoto with the Employment Department filled a one-stop mandated partner position on the Lane Workforce Partnership Board of Directors. Recently, Mr. Yamamoto retired from the Employment Department. The Employment Department has requested to replace Howard Yamamoto with Anne Swensen. Ms. Swensen is the Manager of the Eugene Employment Department office. She is knowledgeable of agency programs and workforce issues in Lane County. With the appointment of Ms. Swensen, the one-stop partner requirements under the Workforce Investment Act will be fulfilled.

C. Alternatives/Options

To not appoint Ms. Swensen would result in non-compliance with the Workforce Investment Act and potentially decertification of the Lane Workforce Partnership as the local workforce investment board which would result in loss of services to Lane County residents and businesses.

D. Recommendations

To appoint Ms. Swensen to the Lane Workforce Partnership Board of Directors for a three year term beginning January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005.

E. Timing

The appointment would be effective the date of signature of the board order.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

The appointment of Ms. Swensen would become effective upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

V. ATTACHMENTS

1. Board Order

IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

**}IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING
}A MEMBER TO THE LANE
}WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP**

ORDER NO.

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Act requires the establishment of a local workforce investment board in order to receive federal funds to serve youth, adults and dislocated workers in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, the membership shall be consistent with Title I, sec 177 (b) of the Workforce Investment Act and shall be appointed by Chief Elected Official(s) from each area; and

WHEREAS, this matter having been fully considered by the Lane County Board of Commissioners, it is hereby

RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the following named person be appointed to serve on the Lane Workforce Partnership Board of Directors for a three year term beginning January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005.

Anne Swensen
Eugene Branch Manager
Employment Department

Dated this _____ day of February 2003.

Peter Sorenson, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

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