SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CalWORKS PLAN ADDENDUM REGARDING COORDINATION OF WELFARE-to-WORK GRANT PROGRAMS

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this addendum is to incorporate the Human Services Agency of San Joaquin County's involvement in the following Welfare-to-Work Grant programs:

A. Governor's 15 Percent WtW Grant – Special Project Award

Grant Recipient: San Joaquin County

Employment And Economic Development Department

850 N. Hunter Street Stockton, CA 95202

Contact: John M. Solis, Executive Director

The San Joaquin County Private Industry Council (PIC) is the recipient of a grant in the amount of \$1,091,121 to be used for a Construction Technology Program. The grant was made under the Governor's 15 percent Welfare to Work funds. The purpose of the program is to provide training in the construction trades. GED preparation and job placement services are also to be provided by the PIC.

The Human Services Agency is working with the PIC to identify and refer CalWORKs recipients who are eligible to participate in this program. We have also provided access to PIC staff to recruit CalWORKs recipients for this program from our orientation classes. Information on this program will also be made available to our contracted case managers for identification and referral of CalWORKs participants who are appropriate and meet the eligibility criteria for participation.

B. Formula WtW Grant Program Administered by The Private Industry Council

Grant Recipient: San Joaquin County

Employment And Economic Development Department

850 N. Hunter Street Stockton, CA 95202

Contact: John M. Solis, Executive Director

The San Joaquin County Private Industry Council (PIC) is the recipient of the U.S. Department of Labor grant in the amount of \$3,455,691. This grant will be used to provide paid community service, work experience and On-the-Job Training. Classroom training will also be provided in basic skill training, GED preparation, work maturity skill training, occupational skill training, and post-placement training services. Support services, subject to the availability of funds, will be provided to participants in this WtW program.

The Human Services Agency is working with the PIC to identify and refer CalWORKs participants who meet the following eligibility criteria for this program:

- ➤ 30 Months on Aid: Recipients who have received CalWORKs benefits for 30 months or more (consecutive or not).
- Non-Custodial Parent: The Human Services Agency will certify if the custodial parent (caretaker, relative) or the minor child has received CalWORKs benefits for 30 months or more.
- ➤ Individuals Who Are Within 12 Months of TANF Lifetime Limit on Aid: At present, none of the CalWORKs recipients qualify under the "12 months" from reaching the TANF lifetime limit on aid criterion until the last few months of the WtW Grant program.
- ➤ Individuals Who Have Reached 60-Month TANF Lifetime Limit on Aid: As stated above, none of the CalWORKs participants will qualify under this criterion during the WtW Grant funding period.

For all criteria identified above, the Human Services Agency will certify eligibility for all CalWORKs recipients eligible to participate in this WtW Grant program.

C. <u>Regional Collaborative Under the Regional Workforce Preparation And Economic Development Act of 1997</u>

Grant Recipients: San Joaquin County

Employment & Economic Development Dept. - \$288,888

Human Services Agency - \$144,445 County Office of Education - \$144,445

San Joaquin Delta Community College - \$72,222

Contact: Dr. Hazel Hill, San Joaquin Delta Community College

San Joaquin County submitted a proposal for one of the six grants made under the Regional Workforce Preparation and Economic Development Grant. Known as the Northern San Joaquin Valley Regional Collaborative, our proposal was funded for \$650,000 and includes a regional collaboration which includes the

following counties: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin and Tuolume.

The purpose of this grant is to develop core competencies in technology and health careers needed for employment and use these competencies as the basis for curricula in all programs, define the gaps between what is currently offered in each county, develop ways to fill those gaps, and provide or identify the training and technology to address particular technology / health services needed within the eight county region. The collaborative will pilot two programs, an advanced technology center and a health science program. The collaborative will also create communication links with partners which will include websites, distance learning and videoconferencing.