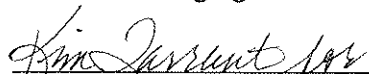


PUBLIC NOTICE

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC.

The annual meeting of the Development Corporation of Abilene, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2012, in the Abilene Life Sciences Accelerator, 1325 Pine St., Abilene, Texas, commencing at 1:30 p.m. to consider the following agenda:

SIGNED:



Richard Burdine, Asst. City Manager for Economic Development

AGENDA

January 31, 2012
1:30 p.m.

Abilene Life Sciences Accelerator
1325 Pine St.

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Approval of minutes from the January 10, 2012, board meeting.
3. Sales tax report for January 2012.
4. Officer elections: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer.
5. Executive Session: Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Sec. 551.087, an executive session may be held (1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision (1). After discussion in executive session, any action or vote will be taken in public.

Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Sec. 551.072, an executive session may be held to discuss the possible exchange, lease, or value of real property associated with a project to be funded by the DCOA since deliberation in open session would have a detrimental effect on the DCOA's negotiations with a third party. After discussion in executive session, any action or vote will be taken in public.

Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Sec. 551.071, an executive session may be held to consult with the DCOA attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer regarding DCOA funded projects or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Government Code. After discussion of the contemplated legal matters in executive session, any action or vote will be taken in public.

6. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution authorizing a contract and funds to rebuild the parking lot of the DCOA-owned building at 4109 Vine St.
7. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution authorizing funding to extend the Fast Track Welding Training program.
8. Adjournment.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the City Hall of Abilene, Texas, on the _____ day of _____, 2012, at _____.

City Secretary

NOTICE

Persons with disabilities who would like special assistance or need special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact Department of Economic Development, (325) 676-6390, at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of this meeting. Telecommunication device for the deaf is (325) 676-6360.

**DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2012**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Cannon Dani Ramsay
Mike Schweikhard

MEMBERS ABSENT: Marelyn Shedd Scott Senter

STAFF PRESENT: Richard Burdine Kim Tarrant
Mindy Patterson Dan Santee

GUESTS PRESENT: Bill Ehrie, Abilene Industrial Foundation
Buddy Moore, Coca-Cola
Jaime Adame, Abilene Reporter-News

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Paul Cannon called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm in the conference room of the Abilene Life Sciences Accelerator, 1325 Pine Street, Abilene, Texas.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 16, 2011 BOARD MEETING.** Dani Ramsay moved to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2011 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Schweikhard and passed by unanimous consent.
3. **PRELIMINARY STATUS OF FUNDS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2011.** Mindy Patterson pointed out the two largest revenue items other than sales tax were the payoff of the Jacob Day loan (\$148,929) and the sale of almost twelve acres of land in the Five Points Business Park (\$83,147). The two largest expenditures were for maintenance of DCOA-owned properties on Pine Street plus property taxes (\$102,360) and for fire safety improvements for Eagle Aviation Hangar 4 at the airport (\$183,998).
4. **OFFICER ELECTIONS: PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY/TREASURER.** With only three DCOA Board members present today, Mike Schweikhard moved that this item be tabled until the next DCOA board meeting in which all DCOA Board members could be present. Dani Ramsay seconded and the motion carried.
5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** I hereby announce we are going into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, .072, and .087 to consult with our legal counsel, discuss real property transactions, and discuss economic development negotiations involving a business prospect, as set forth on the agenda. Any vote or action will be taken in open session.

President Paul Cannon announced the date is January 10, 2012, and the time is 1:38 p.m. Mr. Cannon later announced the date is still January 10, 2012, and the time is 2:16 p.m. No vote or action was taken in Executive Session.

6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR COCA COLA REFRESHMENTS USA, INC.** Coca Cola is an established employer that has been in operation in Abilene for many years and currently employs a total of 312 people. In the past several years, the DCOA has approved financial assistance for several projects. Two projects have not been funded yet: \$400,000 for a shrink wrap supply chain, based on a \$4 million capital investment by Coca Cola; and \$500,000 for a new syrup lab room, based on an

initial estimated \$5 million capital investment. The syrup lab room project was placed on hold while Coca Cola Enterprises was being bought by Coca Cola Refreshments USA, Inc. (CCR).

CCR has given the Abilene production facility approval to proceed with the syrup lab room project, which is now expanded from \$5 million to \$9.3 million. Also, Abilene's production facility was approved for an upgrade of an existing processing line for a new Monster Energy drink line at a cost of \$6.9 million.

Staff recommends the DCOA approve total additional funding of \$1,120,000 as follows: \$430,000 for the syrup lab room project and \$690,000 for the Monster Energy drink line.

Mike Schweikhard moved to approve Resolution No. DCOA-2012.08 as presented. Dani Ramsay seconded and the motion carried.

- 7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A 2012 SPONSORSHIP OF THE SPRINGBOARD IDEAS CHALLENGE.** This is the fourth annual Springboard Ideas Challenge which is hosted by Abilene Christian University's Griggs Center for Entrepreneurship and Philanthropy. It is a mini-business plan competition with the mission of stimulating innovation and economic development in our community and region.

The DCOA has been a gold level sponsor of this event (\$5,000) for each of the first three years. Staff recommends the DCOA approve a gold level sponsorship of the 2012 Springboard Ideas Challenge in the amount of \$5,000.

A motion was made by Dani Ramsay to approve, by oral resolution, a \$5,000 sponsorship of the 2012 Springboard Ideas Challenge. The motion was seconded by Mike Schweikhard and passed by unanimous consent.

- 7. ADJOURNMENT.** The next meeting is January 24, 2012. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Paul Cannon, President

MEMORANDUM

January 11, 2012

TO: Larry D. Gilley, City Manager
FROM: Mindy Patterson, Director of Finance
SUBJECT: January Sales Tax

The sales tax rebate for January is \$3,764,265.44 which represents November sales. This is 35.77% above last year. The breakdown of the January rebate is \$2,823,199.08 to the General Fund and \$941,066.36 for economic development. Of this rebate, \$128,815 is from prior periods, audit payments, future payments, and unidentified payments. Based on this rebate, sales tax is 26.81% above last year for the period of October through January. I have requested the detail from the state.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

MP:ls

cc: Richard Burdine, Assistant City Manager
David Vela, Deputy City Manager

**CITY OF ABILENE
SALES TAX COMPARISON**

Accounting Period Month	GENERAL FUND	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	TOTAL 2010-11	GENERAL FUND	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	TOTAL 2011-12
	Actual 2010-11	Actual 2010-11		Actual 2011-12	Actual 2011-12	
October	\$1,985,576.13	\$661,858.71	\$2,647,434.84	\$2,671,157.84	\$890,385.94	\$3,561,543.78
November	2,324,513.46	774,837.82	3,099,351.28	2,894,423.44	964,807.81	3,859,231.25
December	1,941,356.20	647,118.73	2,588,474.93	2,175,827.99	725,276.00	2,901,103.99
January	2,079,342.18	693,114.06	2,772,456.24	2,823,199.08	941,066.36	3,764,265.44
YTD	\$8,330,787.97	\$2,776,929.32	\$11,107,717.29	\$10,564,608.35	\$3,521,536.11	\$14,086,144.46
February	2,936,669.76	978,889.92	3,915,559.68			
March	1,938,924.19	646,308.06	2,585,232.25			
April	1,923,931.42	641,310.47	2,565,241.89			
May	2,845,240.04	948,413.35	3,793,653.39			
June	2,224,901.30	741,633.77	2,966,535.07			
July	2,249,301.71	749,767.23	2,999,068.94			
August	3,040,179.23	1,013,393.08	4,053,572.31			
September	2,397,520.25	799,173.41	3,196,693.66			
FY TOTAL	\$27,887,455.87	\$9,295,818.61	\$37,183,274.48			

NOTE: Report reflects the month sales tax is received from Austin. Revenue is recorded on this basis for budgetary purposes.

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) will reflect revenue based upon the month the sales tax is paid by the vendor in accordance with GASB 33 requirements.

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC.
1/2 CENT SALES TAX REVENUE
Monthly and Year-to-Year Comparisons

Accounting Period Month	Actual 2010-11	Actual 2011-12	% Change
October	\$661,859	\$890,386	34.53%
November	774,838	964,808	24.52%
December	647,119	725,276	12.08%
January	693,114	941,066	35.77%
YTD	<u>\$2,776,929</u>	\$3,521,536	26.81%
February	978,890		
March	646,308		
April	641,310		
May	948,413		
June	741,634		
July	749,767		
August	1,013,393		
September	799,173		
FY TOTAL	<u><u>\$9,295,819</u></u>		

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Revenue for January '12 represents November '11 sales. Approximately \$32,204 of the rebate is from prior periods, audit, and future payments.

Audit Payments: Larger businesses submit sales tax collections to the State Comptroller every month and smaller ones either quarterly or annually. The Comptroller audits the books of these businesses on a four year cycle to determine if sales tax was collected on all taxable sales. Audit collections represent the sales tax revenue from prior sales and submitted or refunded subsequent to the audit.

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC.
1/2 CENT SALES TAX REVENUE
Five Year Comparison

Accounting Period Month	Actual 2007-08	Actual 2008-09	Actual 2009-10	Actual 2010-11	Actual 2011-12
October	\$676,406	\$703,442	\$671,904	\$661,859	\$890,386
November	764,578	893,442	758,231	774,838	964,808
December	644,727	707,339	602,230	647,119	725,276
January	626,702	660,623	594,761	693,114	941,066
Year-to-Date Total	<u>\$2,712,412</u>	<u>\$2,964,847</u>	<u>\$2,627,127</u>	<u>\$2,776,929</u>	<u>\$3,521,536</u>
February	977,610	955,889	898,241	978,890	
March	599,437	602,464	618,659	646,308	
April	598,138	616,560	601,410	641,310	
May	824,194	793,424	814,964	948,413	
June	656,884	653,711	612,963	741,634	
July	684,703	598,036	660,806	749,767	
August	864,311	799,090	829,188	1,013,393	
September	723,753	653,828	649,391	799,173	
FY TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 8,641,443</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,637,848</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,312,748</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,295,819</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,521,536</u></u>

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DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC.

BOARD AGENDA

MEETING DATE: January 31, 2012

PROJECT: Vine St. Warehouse Parking Lot Rebuild

STAFF: Richard Burdine, CEO

BACKGROUND

Effective July 15, 2011, Affiliated Foods closed its business and vacated the DCOA-owned building at 4109 Vine, which consists of 3 large connecting warehouses and adjoining offices. Since then, staff has worked to clean up the property and make it ready to lease again, including removal of two underground fuel storage tanks. Ryder Trucks was subleasing a shop building with a wash bay totaling about 8,058 sq ft from Affiliated Foods and expressed a desire to remain in the building. We are working with the Ryder corporate structure to get a new lease agreement in place.

Fehr Foods has leased Warehouse A (70,000 sq ft) at 4009 Vine, which adjoins Warehouse B (42,362 sq ft), since 2004 paying monthly rent that increased from \$1.50/sq ft/year to the current \$1.67/sq ft/year. In order to accommodate its growth, Fehr Foods entered into a new lease effective October 1, 2011, for both Warehouses A and B, paying \$1.67/sq ft/year. The remainder of the space (offices and Warehouses C and D) remains vacant; however, staff continues to work to put the space in leasable condition and find other tenants.

On December 16, 2011, DCOA approved resolution DCOA-2012.05 authorizing a contract with Hendrix Electric and funding of \$52,677 to upgrade the lighting in Warehouses B, C, D and the Ryder building. In exchange, the DCOA will receive an incentive payment of \$9,750 from CLEAResult Consulting, Inc., the company hired by AEP Texas North Company to sponsor, promote and administer its Commercial Solutions Program to improve energy efficiency of business facilities. The project is nearing completion and has dramatically improved lighting in the space.

THE REQUEST

The parking lot that services the offices, Warehouses C and D, and Ryder is failing and must be rebuilt. There are numerous potholes that collect water and the base material is no longer sufficient to withstand truck traffic. On January 18, 2012, staff received four bids from local contractors to perform the following:

1. Grind up all asphalt paving material in the area to be rebuilt and remove patches of concrete that are not being used as "Dolly Down" pads or entrances.
2. Re-work Base material to ensure suitable base to support the traffic of the tractor trailers.
3. Compact area where fuel station and underground storage tanks were removed to ensure proper installation of new paving material.
4. Provide an option for a concrete "turn in" slab at the entrance to the dock area from Vine St extending beyond the fence enough to accommodate all turning traffic.
5. Provide an option for extending the existing "Dolly Down" pads to work with current trailer lengths. The pad supports the weight of a trailer when the tractor is disconnected.
6. Install new Asphalt pavement parking areas as outlined. No parking lot striping is required at this time.

The bids received are as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Concrete Turn-In Slab	Extension of Truck Dolly Pad	TOTAL	Additional Alternates
Bontke Brothers	\$222,776.81	\$6,804.00	\$3,990.00	\$233,570.81	None
L&L Asphalt	\$278,156.00	\$176,850.00	\$90,000.00	\$545,006.00	None
Nobles Road Construction	\$144,980.00	\$16,690.00	Included in Turn - In Slab price.	\$161,670.00	\$52,480 to cement stabilize entire lot
J.H. Strain & Sons	\$125,200.00	\$8,000.00	\$14,800.00	\$148,000.00	None.

Staff recommends approval of a contract with J.H. Strain & Sons and funding of \$148,000 to rebuild the parking lot at 4109 Vine St. plus an 8.5% contingency of \$12,580 for total funding of \$160,580.

Since Affiliated Foods vacated in July 2011, we have expended a lot of money to prepare Warehouse B for occupancy by Fehr Foods, make the fire suppression system in Warehouse B operational again, repair fencing and gates, remove the underground fuel storage tanks and survey the entire facility for asbestos and other environmental hazards. The FY11 budget for Property Maintenance was able to handle some of the expenses and so far in FY12, we have expended \$37,205 for these type costs. In addition, the FY12 Property Maintenance budget is handling the additional load of property taxes paid on this site and utility costs until a tenant is found.

Other pending expenses include ground water well monitoring and possibly a Drinking Water Survey (estimated to be \$17,600) to comply with TCEQ regulations concerning the leaking underground storage tanks removed in 2011. The FY12 Property Maintenance budget of \$155,420 is used for all DCOA-owned properties (i.e. Five Points properties, EASI hangars, Grant building downtown, and BCBS building), all of which are aging and in need of additional attention; therefore the budget isn't sufficient to handle the entire added responsibility of the Vine St property. I request that the board also authorize additional funding of \$75,000 to the FY12 Property Maintenance budget to cover the additional expense load of the Vine St. property.

We are currently gathering bids to entirely replace the antiquated fire suppression system in Warehouses C & D and to install sprinkler heads in the office area in anticipation of occupancy by a new tenant. That request is soon forthcoming to the board. When a new tenant is identified, an architect will need to be hired to design modifications to the offices to make them ADA compliant and possibly modifications to the warehouses. In addition, funds will be needed to abate asbestos and hire a contractor to make the necessary modifications. **Regardless of the tenant, these improvements are necessary in order to receive a Certificate of Occupancy from the City for the space.**

FISCAL IMPACT

JH Strain & Sons for parking lot rebuild	\$148,000
Contingency @ 8.5%	\$ 12,580
Misc expenses for repairs	<u>\$ 75,000</u>
TOTAL	\$235,580

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of resolution DCOA-2012.10 authorizing a contract with J.H. Strain & Sons and funding of \$160,580 to rebuild the parking lot at 4109 Vine St. Also authorized is \$75,000 additional funding for the FY12 Property Maintenance budget for DCOA-owned properties to cover the additional expense load of the Vine St. property.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution DCOA-2012.10

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RESOLUTION NO. DCOA-2012.10

A RESOLUTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC. (DCOA), ABILENE, TEXAS AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH J.H. STRAIN & SONS AND FUNDING TO REBUILD THE PARKING LOT AT 4109 VINE ST., ABILENE, TEXAS, AND INCREASE THE FY12 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE BUDGET BY \$75,000 TO HANDLE THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE LOAD OF THE VINE ST. PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, effective July 15, 2011, Affiliated Foods closed its business and vacated the DCOA-owned building at 4109 Vine, which consists of 3 large connecting warehouses (Warehouse B, C and D) and adjoining offices. Since then, staff has worked to clean up the property and make it ready to lease again, including removal of two underground fuel storage tanks; and,

WHEREAS, in order to accommodate its growth, Fehr Foods entered into a new lease effective October 1, 2011, for both Warehouses A and B, while the remainder of the space (offices and Warehouses C and D) remains vacant; and,

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2011, DCOA approved resolution DCOA-2012.05 authorizing a contract with Hendrix Electric and funding of \$52,677 to upgrade the lighting in Warehouses B, C, D and the Ryder Trucks building and will receive an incentive payment of \$9,750 from CLEAResult Consulting, Inc., the company hired by AEP Texas North Company to sponsor, promote and administer its Commercial Solutions Program to improve energy efficiency of business facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the parking lot that services the offices, Warehouses C and D, and Ryder is failing and must be rebuilt. There are numerous potholes that collect water and the base material is no longer sufficient to withstand truck traffic; and,

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2012, staff received four bids from local contractors to rebuild the parking lot; and,

WHEREAS, the FY12 Property Maintenance budget for DCOA-owned properties is not sufficient to handle the additional expense load associated with the vacant warehouses and offices at 4109 Vine St. until a tenant(s) is found; and,

WHEREAS, staff requests the DCOA authorize a contract with J.H. Strain & Sons and funding to rebuild the parking lot at 4109 Vine St., Abilene, Texas, as well as additional funding for the FY12 Property Maintenance budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC., ABILENE, TEXAS, THAT:

PART 1. DCOA hereby authorizes a contract with J.H. Strain & Sons to rebuild the parking lot at 4109 Vine St. and funding of \$148,000 plus an 8.5% contingency of \$12,580 for total funding of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Eighty and no/100's Dollars (\$160,580.00). The contractor will grind up all asphalt paving material, remove patches of concrete, re-work the base material, compact the area where the fuel station and underground storage tanks were removed, and install concrete turn-in slab and dolly down

pads in addition to reapplying asphalt.

Also approved is additional funding of Seventy-Five Thousand and no/100's Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the FY12 Property Maintenance budget used to maintain all DCOA-owned properties to cover the additional expense load of the Vine St. property.

PART 2. Funding under this resolution is contingent upon execution of all necessary agreements. The funding commitment authorized under this resolution shall expire without notice 180 days from the date of adoption of same unless all required documents and agreements are executed prior to that expiration date or the commitment herein is extended in writing by the DCOA.

PART 3. The Chief Executive Officer of the Development Corporation of Abilene, Inc. is hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into and execute a final contract and all other related documents on behalf of the DCOA.

ADOPTED this the 31st day of January, 2012.

ATTEST:

Marelyn Shedd
Secretary/Treasurer

Paul Cannon
President

APPROVED:

T. Daniel Santee, City Attorney

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC.

BOARD AGENGA

MEETING DATE: January 31, 2012

PROJECT: Fast Track Welder Training Extension

STAFF: Richard Burdine, CEO

BACKGROUND

In 2006, the DCOA approved \$127,243 (expending only \$124,224) for the development of a pilot program for intensive welder training. The DCOA partnered with Cisco Junior College and the Workforce Center of West Central Texas (Workforce Center) to produce a 5-week training program offered three times with class size limited to 14. In week one, applicants were screened then tested (both skills and drug), and trained in “soft” skills (making a job application, interviewing, etc.). In weeks 2-5, the participants underwent 120 hours of training. Since then, the board has approved funding to continue the successful program needed to assist local manufacturers find and hire qualified welders. The following depicts the board’s continuing support of the program:

Date of board approval	Number of Sections	Amount of Approval	Amount Funded	Number of Trainees
July 2006 (Pilot)	1 through 3	\$127,243	\$124,244	42
January 2007	4 and 5	\$ 26,000	\$ 17,600	24
May 2007	6 through 9	\$ 37,600	\$ 28,306	44
TOTAL		\$190,843	\$170,150	110

The board also funded two training sections in 2008 for Broadwind Towers (formerly Tower Tech Systems) approving \$75,000. The actual cost was \$70,226 for a total of 26 trainees. In November 2011, the DCOA approved resolution DCOA-2012.02 authorizing the reallocation of assistance to Broadwind Towers of \$20,500 from job creation to advanced welder training for 15 existing and returning employees to fulfill contracts with CAT and Gamesa.

THE REQUEST

The recent oil and gas “boom” is pulling welders out of Abilene, causing a shortage of qualified welders to fulfill the needs of our local manufacturers. I asked Cisco College and the Workforce Center to propose 6 more training sections in 2012. The Workforce Center anticipates starting the first section in early/mid-February to allow adequate time for recruiting and screening. Also, the length of the welding training has been increased by one week, which will allow sufficient time for trainees to obtain four certifications, as requested by employers. Trainees will receive 192 hours of intensive welding training that will prepare them for AWS Procedure Tests in the following: 1G, 2G, 3G and 6G positions. Each will also receive a 10-hour OSHA Safety Training and Certification and the Weld Expert Computerized Assessment. There are increases in trainee supply costs, material costs, drug testing and background checks reflected in the budget below:

Cisco College (14 students)

Instructional costs (includes 192 hours of instruction, tuition/fees, book and admin)	\$ 20,595
OSHA – 10 hour training/certification	\$ 2,100
Trainee supplies (clothing, gloves, glasses, dimming helmet and other)	\$ 6,699
Consumables (wire, plates, etc.)	\$ 14,494
Certifications (4 per student – 1G, 2G, 3G and 6G)	\$ <u>5,600</u>

RESOLUTION NO. DCOA-2012.09

A RESOLUTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC. (DCOA), ABILENE, TEXAS AUTHORIZING FUNDING TO EXTEND THE FAST TRACK WELDING TRAINING PROGRAM SIX ADDITIONAL SECTIONS IN 2012.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the DCOA is to expand employment opportunities for the citizens of Abilene; and,

WHEREAS, in 2006, the DCOA approved \$127,243 for the development of a pilot program for intensive welding training. The DCOA partnered with Cisco Junior College and the Workforce Center of West Central Texas (Workforce Center) to produce a 5-week training program offered three times; and,

WHEREAS, since then, the DCOA has approved funding to continue the successful program needed to assist local manufacturers find and hire qualified welders; and

WHEREAS, the DCOA also funded two training sections in 2008 for Broadwind Towers (formerly Tower Tech Systems) approving \$75,000, which was used to train 26 people. In November 2011, the DCOA approved resolution DCOA-2012.02 authorizing the reallocation of assistance to Broadwind Towers of \$20,500 from job creation to advanced welder training for 15 existing and returning employees to fulfill contracts with CAT and Gamesa; and,

WHEREAS, the recent oil and gas “boom” is pulling welders out of Abilene, causing a shortage of qualified welders to fulfill the needs of our local manufacturers; and,

WHEREAS, the Workforce Center proposes to extend the length of the welding training by one week, which will allow sufficient time for trainees to obtain four certifications, as requested by employers; and,

WHEREAS, staff requests the DCOA consider funding up to \$417,438 for six more Welding Training sections in 2012.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF ABILENE, INC., ABILENE, TEXAS, THAT:

PART 1. DCOA authorizes funding up to Four Hundred Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Eight and no/100's Dollars (\$417,438.00) to extend the Fast Track Welding training program six more sections (sections 10 through 15). Each 6-week section will allow for 14 trainees (total of 84) that will receive 192 hours of intensive welding training, preparing them for AWS Procedure Tests in the following: 1G, 2G, 3G and 6G positions. Each will also receive a 10-hour OSHA Safety Training and Certification and the Weld Expert Computerized Assessment.

The Workforce Center will screen the applicants and provide employability skills training. Cisco College will provide the actual welding training. The funds will be

used for the instructors, tuition/fees and some administrative costs, purchase of supplies, drug tests, background checks, assessment testing and a weekly stipend to each trainee. The Workforce Center will provide all administration of the project at no cost. This includes development and management of sub-contracts with Cisco College and submission of all billing and reporting to the DCOA.

PART 2. Funding under this resolution is contingent upon execution of all necessary agreements. The funding commitment authorized under this resolution shall expire without notice 180 days from the date of adoption of same unless all required documents and agreements are executed prior to that expiration date or the commitment herein is extended in writing by the DCOA.

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