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ABBREVIATED CONSENT CALENDAR FORMAT

Memorandum Date: January 3, 2008
Board Date: January 16, 2008

TO: Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT: County Administration- Community & Economic Development
PRESENTED BY: Mike McKenzie-Bahr
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: IN THE MATTER OF A FOLLOWUP REPORT FROM THE EDSC ACTION ON VIDEO LOTTERY PROTEST FROM VERSALOGIC CORPORATION AND THE EUGENE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

I. MOTION

No action needed. Status update only.

II. DISCUSSION

A. Background / Analysis

On November 7, 2007, the Lane County Board of Commissioners remanded back to the Lane County Economic Development Standing Committee two video lottery grant applications for "further review of eligibility, scoring and criteria."

The two applications were from VersaLogic Corporation and the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce. Both of those applicants filed protests to the Video Lottery award procedures.

On December 20, 2007, the EDSC met and went through a multi-step process of discussing eligibility, scoring and criteria of both applications.

The committee unanimously agreed that the 2007 Video Lottery rule change that said if you have an open contract you are not eligible to apply for further lottery funding was applicable to the Chamber application, since they had an open contract at the time of application. The EDSC unanimously determined that the Chamber was not eligible to apply for funds and the protest was therefore

denied.

The Chamber has decided not to pursue the protest any further at this time. The Chamber has now closed out their open grant application and under current rules will be eligible to apply for funding again in late January when the Video Lottery Open Grant Cycle occurs. They have informed us their intention is to submit an application in the Open Grant Cycle.

EDSC member Faye Stewart recommended that the Committee review the idea of limiting how many times a grantee can apply for the same funds. That issue will be taken up again by the EDSC when they do their annual review of the RFP rules.

With regards to the VersaLogic proposal, the committee discussed the scoring process and analyzed whether there were any deficiencies in the process.

The Committee identified that the submittal of members' scores via email after their public meeting did potentially limit the amount of discussion that may have occurred if all the members had submitted scores at the public meeting. The Committee decided in the future to be more formal in the process.

The Committee agreed that they each followed the RFP scoring criteria when scoring the application. And they also agreed that the method of submitting scores did not impact the individual members scores nor the total score received by VersaLogic.

Therefore the Committee voted unanimously not to rescore the VersaLogic application and to deny the VersaLogic protest.

VersaLogic has decided not to pursue the protest any further at this time. They have informed us their intention is to submit an application in the Open Grant Cycle.

B. Recommendation

The EDSC feels the process for the Initial Cycle was followed and that the process is now complete. No further action by the BCC is needed.

III. ATTACHMENTS

None