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Round Table Design Awarded IWT Contract

BY ROSIE ROBINSON, BUSINESS SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR,
MAN-TRA-CON CORPORATION

In the spring of 2010, Round Table Design, Inc., was awarded an Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) contract in the amount of \$9,600. The award was approved by the Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board through members of the Business & Economic Development Committee and contracted through Man-Tra-Con Corporation. The amount helped finance training for six Round Table employees on AutoCAD Architecture: Basic and Advanced, and Autodesk Civil 3D programs. In addition, the employer match paid wages and all fringe benefits while employees were in training.

Seiler Instrument & Manufacturing Company, Inc., provided the on-site training. Seiler Instrument & Manufacturing is segmented into various industry departments that specialize in product sales, implementation, support, training, rentals, and service. The company has multiple locations in Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Nebraska.

Round Table Design, located in downtown Mt. Vernon, Illinois, employs a professional team of engineers, architects, and surveyors that apply their knowledge and experience to

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The Round Table Design, Inc. employs a professional team of engineers, architects and surveyors, working on projects throughout southern Illinois.

LEFT TO RIGHT:
Kevin Phillips, Matt Trotter,
Jon Miller, and Bill Lewis.



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Message from Our Chairperson...



MARY M. ROE

In this issue of the SIWIB Newsletter you will find exciting recaps of national attention on our workforce area by USA Today and the NBC Nightly News. We want to say once again "Congratulations" to the sixty private and public sector partners of the Transition Team who brought their talents to the service of our dislocated workers during the fall of 2006 — and for years afterward. The success of the collaboration was in the selfless acts of organizations and individuals who went beyond the normal scope of their services to insure prosperity for our workers and their families during the difficult times they were facing.

In addition to our national attention, we learn in this edition, more about the results of the Summer Works programs, including the Department of Natural Resources and Put Illinois to Work. It is unbelievable that almost \$2 million dollars in wages were paid to WIA eligible youth and TANF eligible adults throughout our region. It is difficult to grasp the economic impact of those wages and to understand the importance of people bringing home paychecks, sometimes for the very first time. The American Recovery and Reinvestment dollars that made all this possible may never happen again, so we are truly grateful for the investment pay off in LWIA 25.

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SIWIB COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Board Development Committee

The board Development Committee met on November 1. The committee approved limited SIWIB member travel to national conferences due to additional PITW funds. The committee also discussed the December SIWIB/CLEO meeting. The committee decided the meeting will be held at the Old Firehouse in West Frankfort. Due to limited funding, heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will begin at 5:30 in lieu of a dinner. The board meeting will be from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

One-Stop Committee

The committee met on August 11, 2010, and September 14, 2010. The following is a summary of those meetings:

One-Stop Business and Employment Center: Marion

Cindy Webb reviewed the Local Service by Customer Characteristics for the Marion office with numbers showing the office to be very busy. Cindy also reported that NEW Corporation hosted a virtual (online) job fair on August 6, 2010. Job fairs were also held at the Rend Lake College campus in Ina on August 12, 2010, and at the Shawnee College campus in Anna on August 25, 2010. Pepsi and NEW Corporation also held job fairs in September. In addition, a nursing class through McKendree College was held in the training lab on Tuesdays.

One-Stop Business and Employment Center: Mt. Vernon

Karen Laws reported in August that the number of unemployment insurance claims had dropped during the months of June and July, per the Local Service by Customer Characteristics report for the Mt. Vernon office. At the September meeting, Karen Laws reported the new Internet system created an increase in numbers due to confusion with the new forms, notices, and the new way of filing for unemployment insurance.

Illinois workNet

Cindy Webb encouraged everyone to visit the Illinois workNet website to familiarize themselves with the many changes that have been made to the site. Cindy also reported LWIA 25 had 246 new registrations for the month of July, and 203 new registrations for the month of August. In addition, demonstrations on Illinois workNet were held in the Governor's Tent during the Du Quoin State Fair.

Closures and Layoffs

Jamie Galli reported that an intake was performed in September for Neon/Everbrite in Mt. Vernon with twenty-one flyers mailed out to Neon workers. This was the last intake event held for Neon.

Victor Harris reported that IDES is moving toward a centralized system for TRA. Local IDES offices are involved in outreach and workshops.

Put Illinois to Work Update

Michelle Cerutti updated the committee on the "Put Illinois to Work" program in which Man-Tra-Con is partnering with the Department of Human Services (DHS). A total of 344 participants were placed in a 28-county region. Man-Tra-Con has exceeded the minimum contractual number of 250 placements. The program has been extended to 1/15/2011.

Summer Programs Update

(See Youth Council Report on page 5)

Other

Phil Minnis informed the committee about a new highway construction trade program to be offered at JALC. Bob Mees spoke about the reception held on the John A. Logan College campus in honor of National Adult Education week.

Michelle Cerutti reported that DCEO is not currently approving certain training programs that had been approved in the past, such as C.N.A. and welding. A new training provider

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Message from Our Chairperson...

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The elections are over and in Illinois we will continue to be served by Governor Quinn. Regardless of your political affiliation, it is clear that Director Warren Ribley and other managers will continue to direct the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). The Director and his team know that we have the best workforce area in the state! As you learn more about our national recognition, it is important to remember that we also enjoy a wonderful relationship with DCEO. We often serve on statewide committees as a result of the strong work we do in serving the workforce of southern Illinois where customer needs come first. Man-Tra-Con consistently ensures compliance and timely reporting for the Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (SIWIB) and is judiciously ethical in all efforts on our behalf. We are proud to announce that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was approved by the state. Thanks to all the partners who collaborate to create this working agreement and then continue to work together each day in meaningful ways to support the needs of our workforce. In addition, it is exciting to note that our SIWIB has been re-certified for an additional two-year period.

Thank you to all of our members who continue to serve on committees and utilize our economic development tools and employer incentives. At our December meeting we will have information about the work of each of our Standing Committees and ask that you choose to serve on at least one of the committees of interest to you or your company. Lastly, I would like to welcome our two new SIWIB members, Glenn Edwards, department manager, Human Development, AISIN Manufacturing Illinois, LLC, and Rick Hilliard, business manager, IUOE Local 318. I look forward to working with you as we strive to build an excellent workforce in southern Illinois to fulfill our present needs and ensure future growth. Thank you for your faith in me to lead the SIWIB another year, I look forward to seeing you all at our December 9th meeting.

Legislative Update...

FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WORKFORCE BOARDS (NAWB)

An historic election

(NOVEMBER 8, 2010) — One word summarizes the outcome of last Tuesday's 2010 midterm election - historic. But the arc of electoral history seems to have shortened dramatically in recent times since this is the third consecutive historic federal "change election" in just six years.

In the previous two federal elections the Democrats took 54 House seats and 15 Senate seats from Republicans and won the White House. Tuesday, Republicans took back all - and then some - of those House seats and a number of Senate seats comparable to about half of what they lost in the last two elections. At this point, Republicans have a gain of 61 seats in the House with eight races still too close to call and a six seat gain in the Senate.

But "historic" also has other meanings, and perhaps interpretations, with regard to this election. While the Republican victory in the House is the largest gain of House seats by either party in more than sixty years, this is also the first midterm election since 1930 in which the House changed party control but the Senate did not. This seeming anomaly may partly be a result of another apparent shift in how electors voted.

Also, while powerful committee chairs change as a result of the House changing hands, it also appears that an historic number of House Democratic committee chairs will not be returning to occupy their House seats, much less their committee chairs. This is true, for instance, of five major House committee chairs - Appropriations, Armed Services, Budget, Science and Technology, and Transportation and Infrastructure. So this particular historic aspect can clearly be seen as a "changing of the guard" among House Democrats.

Finally, it is worth noting that the Republican Party fielded an historic number, for modern times, of minority candidates, as well as female candidates, for Congressional seats and governor's offices.

There was a dramatic shift in party control of governor's offices, with more than sixty percent of them to be held by Republicans, including a clean sweep across the industrial belt (except Illinois) of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, and Wisconsin and all the way down the lower eastern seaboard. Since governors often have significant control of the mechanisms of electoral politics, the campaign "ground games" and, this time, the Congressional and legislative redistricting processes, the 2012 electoral implications are large. And, for the first time in memory, one party - the Democrats - will defend more than seventy-five percent of the thirty-three Senate seats to be contested in 2012, with many of them in "red" or "purple" states.

It will not be lost on these Democratic Senators up for reelection in red or purple states or on less conservative Congressional Republicans that this election continued an historic trend that has "squeezed out" moderates in

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Round Table Design Awarded IWT Contract

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projects throughout southern Illinois. To insure that they remain competitive in the fields of engineering, land surveying and architecture, it was imperative that Round Table employees be proficient in current CAD (Computer Aided Design and Drafting) software. This training was needed to advance the knowledge base and skill sets of six employees, thus contributing to the growth and stability of the company.

Round Table's goal was to increase the number of projects they were able to take on by decreasing the amount of time necessary to complete each project. Employees had been using outdated software, and/or attempting to use newer software without any training. The updated programs had greater capabilities than past versions, but employees who attempted to use the new software spent as much time, if not more, trying to learn the updated programs than completing the project.

After completing the training, employees were able to properly operate the new timesaving software. This has helped Round Table achieve their goal of decreasing the amount of time spent on each project, thereby contributing to the amount of profit per project. In addition, with the use of the new software, Round Table Design is now able to expand customized services to current customers and expand their market to accept more projects, creating overall growth and a stable work environment for their employees. This also helps the company avoid downsizing and/or layoffs, which may occur during lower levels of business volume.

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FROM NAWB

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both Congressional parties. Moderate and conservative Democrats suffered many defeats in the general election last week and moderate Republicans suffered a significant number of defeats in their party primaries this year. This will make the Congressional and presidential leadership task of finding common ground between the two parties ever more challenging. And the remaining Senate and House moderates in both parties who must stand for reelection in 2012 will clearly spend the next two years "looking over their shoulders".

What to expect in the lame duck session

So, what should we expect in the short term, including the "lame duck" session beginning November 15th, and over the longer term of the two sessions of the next Congress? A lame duck session after a "change election" like this one has a very strange dynamic. The party in control of the current Congress faces imminent loss of control. The mood of the current majority party Members is a combination of depression and an urge to take one last "buzzer-beater shot" at getting their priorities implemented. At the same time, the party benefiting from the impending change is inclined to use procedure in the Senate - specifically the filibuster, which can be highly effective in a session that lasts just a few weeks - to block any "buzzer-beater shot" attempts by the other party. And the Republican leadership will very likely look at the lame duck session as an opportunity to maintain momentum and to "face forward" toward the next election by showing voters who just elevated them a few weeks earlier that they can immediately produce the results these voters seemed to be clamoring for.

Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY), a Member of the Democratic leadership, told us before the election that they hope to complete three things during the lame duck session: an Omnibus Appropriations bill, a debate over the extension of the Bush tax cuts, and a tax extender bill that includes \$1 billion for WIA youth and \$1.5 billion in TANF emergency funding.

As a result, Appropriations insiders tell us that if no deal is reached by early December, expect a Continuing Resolution to be passed through March 2011.

You should be aware that a longer term Continuing Resolution does not impact WIA, unless it is a yearlong CR, as WIA is a forward funded program and the program year does not begin until July 1, 2011. If we do enter into a yearlong CR, WIA formula funds will continue at the current level until July 1, 2012.

A yearlong CR has become a more popular topic of discussion recently, as the inherent "savings" in a yearlong continuing resolution (although the president might only agree to a part year continuing resolution) would be on the order of \$25 billion - about which the Republican leadership would then have some legitimacy in claiming that, within four weeks of being elected to take over the House in the next Congress, they were able to deliver for the voters who elected them \$25 billion in discretionary spending cuts.

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One-Stop Committee

Other

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policy is now in place, and a new 12-page list of approved training programs has been posted on the DCEO website.

Debra Jackanicz updated the committee about the winter LIHEAP program. The program gives priority to the elderly, disabled, and families with children under age 3. The program will be available to the general public as of November 1, 2010.

Kathy Lively informed the committee about a news article published in USA Today. The article covered the Maytag plant closure and how the community came together to help dislocated workers. Nine former Maytag workers were interviewed for the story.

Youth Council

The Youth Council met on July 14, 2010, and October 13, 2010. The following is a summary of those meetings:

Youth Program Update

Kathy Dollins reported on the summer youth programs. The DNR summer program, the Du Quoin State Fair program and the regular Summer Works program all ended on September 30, 2010, and a total of 68 youth were placed. The YES program, which ended on September 30th, placed 103 youth. The Attucks Community Gardens program is still ongoing until June 30, 2011. The Put Illinois to Work program, slated to end on September 30th, was extended until November 30th.

Kathy Dollins also updated the committee about the Year Round Youth program. The program plans to serve approximately 300 youth in PY10. As of the October 13th meeting, 144 youth were enrolled in the Year Round program; 85 in school, and 59 out of school. In addition, 146 youth have been exited and are currently enrolled in follow-up services.

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The last item on the lame duck agenda is the tax extenders bill, which has been debated for months with differing versions passing in the House and Senate. A new version of the bill was introduced by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus in September and it may have a chance for passage, either attached to the extension of the Bush tax cuts or as a stand-alone bill. However, Finance Committee insiders tell us that the bill only has a chance to move if the offsets in the bill are significantly changed, as Republicans have told the Chairman that they will oppose the bill if the current offsets in the bill are not replaced by ones that can receive bipartisan support. As a result, passage of the tax extenders bill remains an uphill battle in the lame duck session.

Spending in the new Congress

In the next Congress, the focus on budget cutting by the Republican House leadership will continue, with both Republicans and Democrats who must stand for reelection in 2012 most likely looking to enhance their budget cutting bona fides as they "look over their shoulders". While, of course, even eliminating the entire domestic discretionary budget - no highways, no education funding, no health research funding, no farm subsidies, no criminal justice system, no environmental protection, no workforce training, etc. - would only eliminate about one third of the current annual deficit, voters do not know this - and the symbolism of cutting domestic discretionary spending will be seen as politically valuable. And domestic discretionary spending cuts are much more achievable than cuts in mandatory or entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare.

However, we should expect that the House Appropriators will also significantly cut or eliminate initiatives requested by the administration that give cabinet and subcabinet Obama administration officials new resources to dispense discretionary incentive grants aimed, for instance, at reforming program practices or stimulating different economic or social behaviors. Examples include the Social Innovation Fund, the Workforce Investment Act Innovation Fund, the Race to the Top Fund (although some Republican education committee Members favor some of the reforms incented by this fund), and others.

The House Republican leadership has already set the level to which it intends to cut domestic discretionary appropriations next year - twenty two percent, back to 2008 overall funding levels. With a Democratic Senate and White House, it is unlikely that this level of cuts could be achieved next year. But the White House has already asked federal agency heads to propose cuts equaling 5% of current budgets for next year so it is a safe assumption that domestic program appropriations cuts next year will be somewhere north of 5% and south of 22%.

If the leadership determines that the winning pathway to the next election is continued deep and wide opposition to policies proposed by the president or Senate Democrats, there will not be much common ground up ahead in the next Congress. But the Republican leadership does recognize that there was a strong voter sentiment on Tuesday to stop the bickering and get down to the

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Youth Council

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Year Round Contractors' Reports

The April and September Year Round Contractors' Reports were approved. There were no questions or comments raised by council members.

Other

Vice-Chairperson Hickey stated all PY10 Contracts have been sent out. Kathy Dollins stated that year round vouchers were in the process of being completed.

Based upon business needs, as well as consensus from the service providers, the council approved changing service provider meetings from a monthly to a quarterly basis. The meetings will be held immediately prior to Youth Council meetings. Any issues that might arise in between regularly scheduled meetings may be addressed by conference call or by calling a special meeting.

Matters from the Floor

Ms. Lively reported Director Warren Ribley recently visited the Marion Man-Tra-Con office to announce the release of approximately \$100,000 in additional funding for dislocated worker training. Ms. Lively also updated the group about the Connect SI broadband project. She informed the council about Governor Quinn's upcoming visit to John A. Logan College to announce an investment of \$45 million for broadband in the Connect SI region. ♦

DON'T MISS...NBC Nightly News!

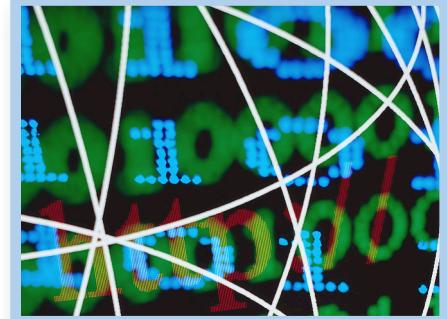
The work of the Transition Team during the Maytag/Whirlpool plant closure will be aired on national television. We hope you can watch the airing! We will send an email announcement as soon as the airtime is announced.

Clearwave Communications receives funding to deploy high-speed fiber-optic network throughout southern Illinois

SUBMITTED BY STEVEN MITCHELL,

TECHNOLOGY/COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, MAN-TRA-CON CORPORATION

On August 18, 2010, it was announced that Clearwave Communications, a southern Illinois company headquartered in Harrisburg, has been awarded \$31.5 million in grant funds from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). Through this project,



Clearwave Communications will deploy a high-speed fiber middle mile network across a 23-county region of southern Illinois to address the lack of adequate broadband access for community anchor institutions. The State of Illinois, through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), is also supporting the project by pledging over \$11 million in matching funds. Additional private funding brings this southern Illinois project total to over \$45 million.

Over the next three years, Clearwave will construct an estimated 740 miles of new fiber optic cable in southern Illinois to connect over 200 community anchor institutions with speeds between 10 Mbps and 1 Gbps, including K-12 public schools and institutions of higher learning, public safety entities, libraries, and healthcare facilities. Additionally, the project includes plans to offer points of interconnection for last-mile providers in the proposed service area.

This project is part of the Illinois Broadband Opportunities Partnership (IBOP), in which Clearwave will be interconnecting with the Illinois Century Network (ICN), which provides a gateway to Internet2 for K-12 schools, libraries and non-research higher education institutions. Additionally, the funding will provide the counties of Southern Illinois Next Generation 9-1-1 (CSI NG911), a consortium of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), the network needed to facilitate the implementation of the nation's first standards-based NG 9-1-1 public safety system.

Clearwave Communications is a facilities-based Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) that has been providing advanced network services, primarily to businesses and community anchor institutions, and has been in business since 1995. Clearwave has locations in Harrisburg, Marion, and Carbondale. It currently serves 1,100 business customers throughout southern Illinois.

Legislative Update...

FROM NAWB

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business of fixing the economy, promoting jobs, and making government more efficient. So they may select some areas in which to probe common ground initiatives in the next Congress.

What do the 2010 elections mean for WIA reauthorization?

Working with both parties is essential in this highly charged political environment. Establishing a relationship with your Congressional delegation is even more critical than ever and we would hope that if you didn't have meetings with them in 2010, early in 2011 is on your "to-do" list. If you need a quick checklist of meeting with members, you should have received one in the mail, but if not, let us know and we can get that information to you. Also, Chuck Stewart (LWIA 13) is doing a Forum Pre-Conference session on advocacy so you may want to plan to register for that session on February 5th, 2011 here in DC.

We met with key Republican staff before the election, who indicated WIA reauthorization will be one of the two key pieces of legislation considered before the Committee this coming year. Kline cosponsored HR 4271, a WIA reauthorization bill introduced last year that was based on previous versions of the bill crafted by former Chairman of the Committee Buck McKeon (R-CA). The bill protects the locally driven, business-led workforce system. They anticipate updating their bill and we have the opportunity to provide significant input as they move forward.

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LWA #25 Workforce News!

BY MICHELLE CERUTTI,
PROGRAM DIRECTOR, MAN-TRA-CON CORPORATION

Man-Tra-Con has been very busy this summer! In addition to our regular Adult, Dislocated Worker and Year Round Youth programs, we received four additional grants to administer six different work programs resulting in \$1,984,247 of wages being paid to over 900 workers in the southern Illinois area.

The ARRA Summer Youth Grant began in February of 2009. The summer program funded under this grant ended on September 30, 2010. During this program we were able to put 404 youth to work in the summer. This allowed these youth to earn a total of \$564,526. This program is not just about earning money. It also allows these disadvantaged youth an opportunity to get their first job as well as to learn the importance of showing up on time, dressing appropriately, and getting along with co-workers.

Additional Summer Programs

ARRA Grant — from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) in agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.

- ◆ This grant allowed Man-Tra-Con Corporation to hire staff and purchase worksite equipment for five worksites within four state parks. Under this project we placed 43 full-time workers, aged 18-24, who earned a wage of \$8.25 per hour. We were also allowed to employ supervisors who earned a wage of \$12.25 per hour.
- ◆ The grant also allowed Man-Tra-Con Corporation to hire 37 workers for the Du Quoin State Fair. A portion of the funding allocated to pay participant wages came from the YES program.
- ◆ The grant also allowed Man-Tra-Con Corporation to fund a Community Gardens Project at the Attucks Community Center in Carbondale serving 9 economically disadvantaged participants. This project will be funded through 06/30/2011 and is introducing young adults, aged 18-24, to the world of agriculture. These young adults are learning the importance of growing foods locally. They are also learning how to build garden beds, plant seeds, grow and harvest crops as well as learning the nutritional value of organic foods.
- ◆ The total wages paid to all youth participants to date is \$147,354.

YES (Youth Employed in the Summer)

- ◆ This program was initiated by Governor Quinn, administered by Man-Tra-Con in partnership with the Department of Human Services through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Emergency Contingency Fund, and contracted through DCEO. The program allowed TANF eligible participants, aged 16-24, to earn wages up to \$10.00 per hour during the summer. The program served 103 youth workers

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and 36 employers (worksites). Youth enrolled in this program earned a total of \$158,272 in wages.

Put Illinois to Work (PITW)

◆ This program was funded by the Department of Human Services through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Emergency Contingency Fund, and contracted through Heartland Alliance Human Care Services. Heartland Alliance Human Care Services served as the employer of record and sub-contracted with Man-Tra-Con to place workers at worksites, process eligibility paperwork and process payroll for applicants in 22 counties. Our goal was to place 250 workers, but we managed to serve 344 participants!

The program was scheduled to end 09/30/2010, but was extended through 1/15/2011. Currently, there are 167 workers remaining in the program. According to a Put Illinois to Work Evaluation report conducted by the Social Impact Research Center, as of the pay period ending 09/11/2010, \$1,114,095 in wages have been paid to workers in the 22-county area served by Man-Tra-Con Corporation through this program. Of this amount, \$537,326 in wages were paid to workers in our five-county workforce area.

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Committee insiders expect a host of new Republican Members on the Education and Labor Committee this coming year, not only because Republicans will have more seats on the Committee as the majority party, but also because a number of senior Republican Members are expected to leave the Committee for other posts. As a result, once the new membership of the Committee has been set, NAWB needs to take the lead for the workforce system and educate a host of new Members about WIA and its importance to their local business community. Mr. Kline will also be seeking input from his Members about issues on which to focus this coming

year, so it is extremely important that we have an aggressive education campaign with new Committee Members about the importance of WIA reauthorization this coming year.

In the Senate, we should anticipate that the bipartisan bill that has been painstakingly negotiated over the course of the last nine months will be introduced early in the new Congress. However, negotiations on the composition of the bill continue to this day and the bill still needs to be circulated broadly among Members of the HELP Committee for comment and revision before a public version of the bill is introduced. As a result, introduction of the bill could be further delayed. However, once introduced, this bipartisan product will likely be the foundation block for a successful reauthorization bill in the new Congress.

USA Today Reports on Maytag Closing

Judy Keen, a reporter from USA Today, visited southern Illinois in September to write a follow-up story on the Maytag factory closing in Herrin. Ms. Keen interviewed Man-Tra-Con staff, Herrin Mayor Vic Ritter, former Maytag employees and others connected with the event. This resulted in a full-page newspaper story covering the Maytag layoffs, including how employees and the town of Herrin survived the closing, and even prospered in some cases, as a result of community efforts. An online video was also created for the USA Today web site.

http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2010-09-21-1Aherrin21_CV_N.htm?csp=usat.me

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 9, 2010

Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board
5:30 p.m. at the
Old Firehouse Event Center
108 N Emma Street
West Frankfort, Illinois

For more information about upcoming SIWIB meetings visit:

[http://www.siwb.org/
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and Happy
Holiday Season!**