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MEMO TO: President Pro Tempore of the Senate
Speaker of the House
Chair, House Committee on Commerce
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Housing and General Affairs

FROM: Patricia Moulton Powden, Commissioner *PMP*

DATE: January 13, 2010

SUBJECT: VDOL Workforce Education & Training Fund Report

Please find attached the Department of Labor's Workforce Education & Training Fund Report. We are submitting this report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Chair of the House Committee on Commerce, and Chair of the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing & General Affairs. The required date of submission is December 1, 2009. The statutory or other reference under which the report is being submitted is part of Act 46 of the 2007 Legislature.

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Attachment

Cc: Governor Douglas



Vermont Department of Labor

Workforce Development Programs

Workforce Education & Training Fund

FY 2009 Report

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009



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Introduction

The 2007 Legislature, under Act 46, appropriated funding through the Vermont Department of Labor (VDOL), for new workforce development programs.

Under the broader Next Generation Programs, VDOL established the Workforce Education & Training Fund (WETF) to support separate programs for workforce training and student internships. WETF Training Grants are designed to train or re-train workers who are unemployed, underemployed, or at risk of losing their jobs. WETF Internships are intended to increase the retention of secondary and post-secondary students, by providing internship placements with Vermont employers that will establish a bridge between school and careers in Vermont.

As directed by the Legislature, the attached report provides a summary of the activity that occurred between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009 in all of the WETF projects approved during FY 2009. It's important to note that the Spreadsheet and map reflect numbers projected to be served by grants approved during the above period.

To the maximum extent possible when funding a project, VDOL encourages the utilization of other public and private resources to achieve the greatest possible benefit from our WETF investment. For example, many training projects involve partnerships between WETF and Vermont Training Program, and virtually every project is supported by significant matching contributions from employers and/or training providers.

To summarize the activity in each WETF category:

Training:

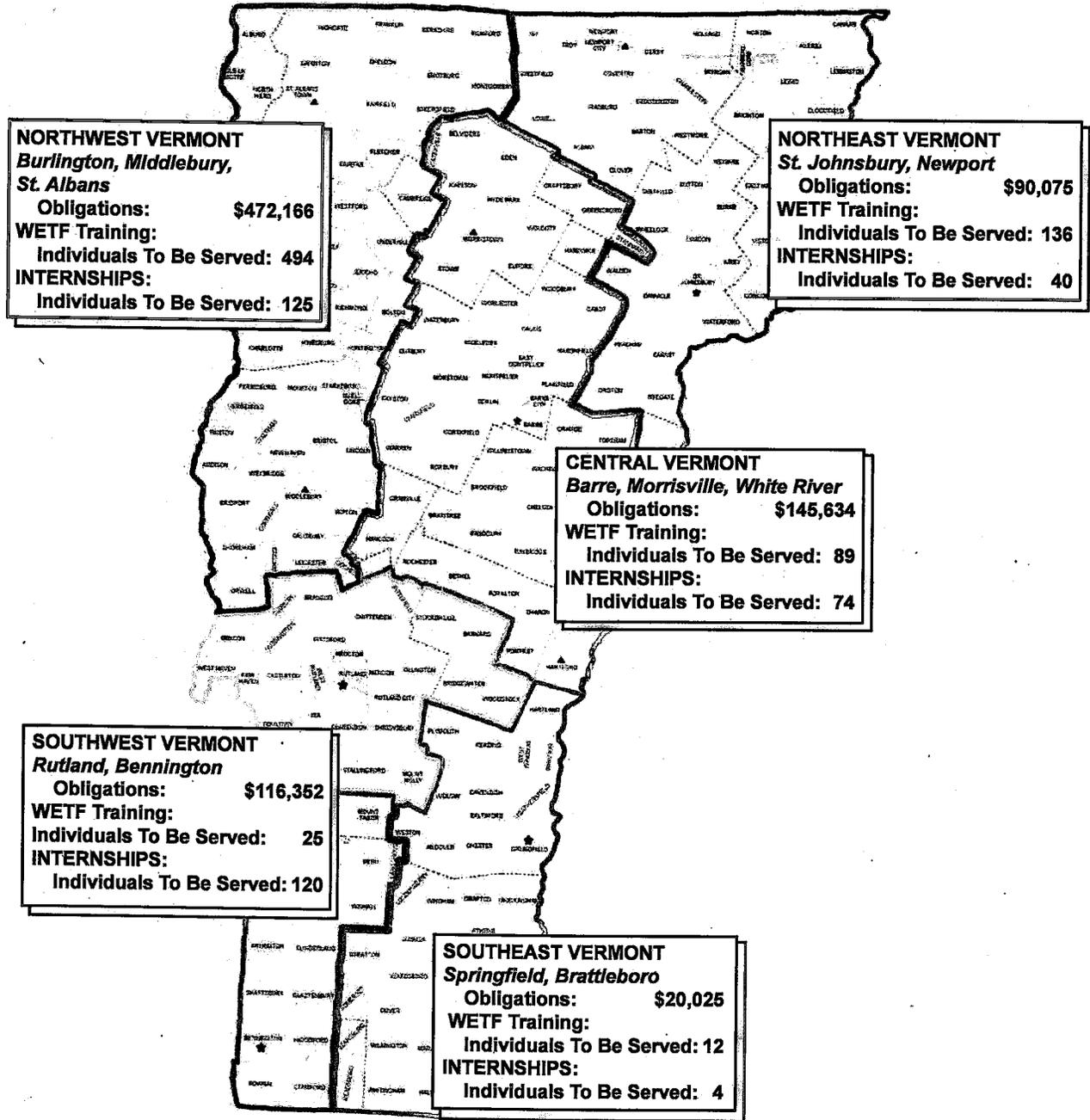
- 39 Training applications were received and all were approved. Some were approved with modifications.
- A total of \$1,595,743 was initially awarded, of which \$64,500 subsequently de-obligated, for a total of \$1,531,243.
- Of the projected total of 2,680 individuals to be trained, approximately 550, or 21% will be trained for new jobs. Projected job creation was lower than previous years, reflecting the economic downturn. However, there was a strong demand for projects that will train incumbent workers for greater job security.
- Statewide, approximately 500 employers will benefit from training projects that were approved during FY 2009.
- Training projects funded in FY 2009 anticipate training approximately 2,680 individuals, and if those outcomes are achieved, the average cost per trainee will equal just over \$570.

Internship:

- 20 Internship applications were received, of which 14 were fully funded, 6 were partially funded.
- Requests greatly exceeded available funds, with \$1,306,062 requested, and \$528,060 awarded.
- A total of 290 employers provided workplace internships.
- During the report period, a total of 427 students participated in one or more internship placements.

Additional detail on training and internship activity can be found on the following map and program spreadsheets. Individual program descriptions are available on our website: www.labor.vermont.gov

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR NEXT GENERATION TRAINING AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS FY 2009



PROGRAMS WITH STATEWIDE IMPACT
Obligations: \$1,215,051
WETF Training:
Individuals To Be Served: 1,924
INTERNSHIPS:
Individuals To Be Served: 64

TOTALS
Obligations: \$2,059,303
WETF Training:
Employers To Be Served: 500
Individuals To Be Served: 2,680
INTERNSHIPS:
Employers To Be Served: 290
Individuals To Be Served: 427

