



The WDB selected the Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) through a sole source procurement to sub-contract transitional employment opportunities for justice-involved individuals as part of this initiative. CEO was selected via sole source due to the lack of organizations in Solano County providing transitional employment opportunities to justice-involved individuals and the uniqueness of their model.

CEO currently provides transitional jobs and job readiness for justice-involved individuals through the CalTrans initiative in Solano County through referrals from Parole and Probation entities. CEO will be able to incorporate WDB funding to serve an additional 13 justice-involved individuals into their program.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The WDB's FY2019/20 and FY2020/21 budget will include the necessary funding to cover the cost of this contract.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

While not recommended, the Board could choose not to approve staff to contract with CEO and instead provide direction to conduct a new procurement for services. However, CEO is uniquely situated to provide the services required by the Prison to Employment initiative.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

No other agency involvement.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION