

# **Board of County Commissioners**

## **Agenda Request**

Date of Meeting: March 15, 2010

Date Submitted: February 26, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator  
Lindsay Stevens, Assistant County Administrator  
Alfred Nelson, Housing Director  
Jerry Nuss, WAP Coordinator

Subject: Request Board Consideration and Approval of a Resolution and Budget Amendment to Accept the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Contract and Funding Modification for \$11,014.99, and Revise the Davis Bacon Wage Determination

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board consideration and approval of a Resolution and Budget Amendment to accept the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Contract and Funding Modification for \$11,014.99, and approval to revise the Davis Bacon Wage Determination dated December 11, 2009.

### **Background:**

Wakulla County has received \$653,872.00 from the State of Florida, Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and United States, Department of Energy (DOE) under the 2010 ARRA for the Weatherization Assistance Program. The ARRA WAP Working Agreement requires that the County meet the production quota of weatherizing at a minimum 8 homes per month in order to maintain the current level of ARRA WAP grant funding.

This Agreement modifies the amount cost reimbursement associated with the 2010 ARRA WAP Capacity Agreement and incorporates the revised Davis Bacon Wage Determination dated December 11, 2009.

- The 2010 ARRA WAP Capacity Building Agreement was established to assist agencies in completing the hiring process, training-up, and to meet certification requirements, prior to receiving the ARRA WAP funds.
- The Davis-Bacon Act of 1931 is a United States federal law which established the requirement for paying prevailing wages on public works projects. All federal government construction contracts, and most contracts for federally assisted construction over \$2,000 must include provisions for paying workers on-site no less than the locally prevailing wages and benefits paid on similar projects.

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**Analysis:**

This agenda item requests Board consideration, acceptance, and approval of the contract modifications to the 2010 ARRA WAP Work Agreement Cost Reimbursement and to incorporate the revised Davis Bacon Prevailing Wage Determinations. This Modification Agreement will increase the 2010 ARRA WAP grant funding from \$653,872.00 to \$664,886.99, and Wakulla County can anticipate receiving an additional \$653,872.00 from State of Florida, Department of Community Affairs (DCA) and United States, Department of Energy (DOE) in FY2011 ARRA WAP funding. This additional funding would be awarded after the County has weatherized 38 (30%) of the 125 homes funded under the current Agreement. The Davis Bacon prevailing wage revisions will allow for ARRA WAP tradespersons employed to work on weatherization projects to receive no less than the locally prevailing wages and benefits paid on similar projects.

Approval of this Modification Agreement will assist the County in funding the ARRA WAP which will enable eligible families to receive needed weatherization assistance for improvements to increase the energy efficiency of their home. The County Attorney has reviewed and approved this item.

**Options:**

1. Approve a Resolution and Budget Amendment to accept the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Contract and Funding Modification for \$11,014.99, and revise the Davis Bacon Wage Determination.
2. Do not approve a Resolution and Budget Amendment to accept the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Contract and Funding Modification for \$11,014.99, and do not revise the Davis Bacon Wage Determination.
3. Board direction.

**Recommendation:**

Option #1

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution.
2. Budget Amendment.
3. WAP ARRA Agenda Item 2010 Work Agreement.
4. WAP ARRA Modification State of Florida Notice 10-21.
5. WAP ARRA Modification Agreement.
6. U.S. Department of Labor (Davis Bacon) Wage Determination.
7. Weatherization Program Notice 10-05.