

# **PACIFIC WORKFORCE DIRECTORS' WORKGROUP**

## **Resolution No. 09-001**

### **A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE PACIFIC WORKFORCE DIRECTORS' WORKGROUP'S ACTIONABLE STRATEGIES**

WHEREAS, the Pacific Workforce Directors' Workgroup participated in the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration sponsored orientation and technical assistance meetings on February 3-5, 2009, in Honolulu, Hawaii. Participation included members from American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Department of the Interior/Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the need to promote practical regional workforce initiatives and building stronger collaboration across all key public and private sector partners is essential to support the ideal regional training system; and

WHEREAS, during these networking, presentations and technical discussions, the workgroup acknowledged the need to align and address the common issues of data specific challenges related to reporting workforce outcomes and addressing technical capacity in each of the jurisdictions. The workgroup also acknowledged existing regional efforts and the need to align workforce development/programming efforts by collaborators and respective island workforce initiatives; and

WHEREAS, key discussions covered realizing the early efforts to establish a satellite Job Corps Center in the Micronesian region with specific interest in developing an anchor program in the territory of Guam and allows for multiple workforce and training synergies to occur and allowing a natural alignment with the training interests of all collaborators making up the region's training system; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pacific Workforce Directors' Workgroup hereby adopts the following actionable strategies to include specific recommendations for all collaborators, federal partners, local, state and regional organizations to consider:

1. To request that the Pacific Directors' and the Micronesian Chief's Regional Workforce Development Council endorse the establishment of a Regional Job Corps Working Committee to establish a proposed plan of work to initialize the phases for a regional Job Corps within the next 3-6 months;