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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

There will be a Public Hearing meeting of the **Workforce, Job Development & Training Opportunities Committee** of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on **Wednesday, April 18, 2012** at the hour of **10:00 A.M.** in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois to consider the following:

317571 COOK COUNTY WORKS PROGRAM REVIEW (PROPOSED RESOLUTION).
 Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by Earlean Collins, County Commissioner.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

COOK COUNTY WORKS PROGRAM REVIEW

WHEREAS, Cook County is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6 (a) of the 1970 Illinois Constitution, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, Cook County along with the Cook County Workforce Investment Board ("WIA") is committed to assisting the residents of suburban Cook County through the administration of the federally supported WIA program which provides residents with employment training, job placement, and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, previous WIA funds were administer through the President's Office of Employment Training ("P.O.E.T") which has been renamed Cook County Works under the new administration; and

WHEREAS, the newly created Cook County Works program restructured, decentralized and reduced the number of business persons serving on the Workforce Investment Board; and

WHEREAS, the WIA board was a major component of the Federal Workforce Investment Act in that it established a public-private partnership to enhance job opportunities; and



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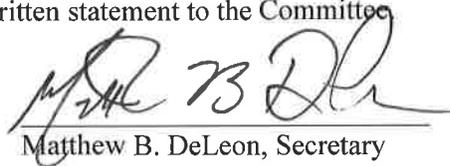
WHEREAS, state and federal regulations require that this body conduct annual reviews of the workforce program to ensure accountability and compliance with State and Federal regulation; and

WHEREAS, in an era of high unemployment and employers with demands for persons with high-tech skills it is critical that we ensure that workforce development programs are meeting the needs of both the employer and the job-seeker.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Workforce, Job Development and Training Opportunities Committee conduct a public hearing, in accordance with State and Federal regulations, to review and discuss the status of the Cook County Works Program.

*** Referred to the Committee on Workforce, Job Development & Training Opportunities on 4-3-12.**

The public may testify at this meeting. Persons wishing to testify should give their name and the name of any organization they are representing to the Secretary to the Board, 118 North Clark Street, Room 567, County Building, Telephone: (312) 603-6127. Registration to speak is also available online at www.cookcountygov.com/secretary Each organization will be limited to one speaker. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes. Registration will be available at the above location, at the time of the meeting. Speakers are requested to submit 30 copies of any written statement to the Committee.



Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

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