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To: All WIA Youth Opportunity System Contractors

From: Manny Chavez, Director
Workforce Development Division

Subject: **WIA INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 05-09**
System Services to Youth with Disabilities

The Workforce Development Division of the Community Development Department is pleased to inform you that the Marriott Foundation has been selected as the enhancement contractor for youth with disabilities for the Youth Opportunity System (YOS).

The Marriott network currently consists of Marriott Foundation Bridges, the UCLA Community-based Learning Organization as a subcontractor, and many non-funded partners who serve people with disabilities.

The Marriott network will deliver direct services to 120 youth ages 17-21 who have a certified disability. Service goals are based on the proportion of youth in poverty each City area.

Youth enrolled with Marriott may be co-enrolled with a general contractor

- if the customer needs work experience or another type of WIA-funded worksite training or
- if the customer needs supportive services.

Co-enrollment will require consultation with the general contractor and approval by City staff (Bertha Calderon or designee).

As you know, all YOS general contractors are responsible for providing services under WIA that are ADA accessible and that comply with Equal Opportunity/nondiscrimination requirements. You are also responsible for monitoring your subcontractors to be sure that they meet the same standards.

The City's goal is to build the capacity of the system to serve youth with disabilities through training and technical assistance, and to integrate service to these customers into every YOS network.

We look forward to improving services to youth with disabilities through this enhancement program.

If you have questions regarding Marriott Foundatin Bridges services, please contact their Program Director, Susan Addleman, at (213) 381-1220 ext. 16, or Bertha Calderon at (213) 847-6542.

