

Board Training Funding Decision at Summer 2005 Board Meeting
(FY06 Funds for FY07 Training Activities)

The Board of Directors decided:

- Training activities in FY07 will be allocated an additional \$195,000 – for a total of \$1,995,000 – from section 105 funding in FY06 appropriations.
- The regional consortia and CARB will be fully funded at the levels identified as follows:

Provider	Baseline Funding
CARB	\$304,940
CenSARA	\$100,000
LADCO	\$100,000
MARAMA	\$145,800
Metro4- SESARM	\$110,000
NESCAUM	\$238,850
WESTAR	\$275,000
TOTAL	\$1,274,590

- The remaining amount – \$720,410 – that would normally be disbursed to the university training providers will be held in abeyance until the winter board meeting. The Board of Directors has requested the following information in order to inform its decision this winter (Jan/Feb 2006):
 - The number of students NOT from state or local agencies that are trained by universities in courses funded by section 105 funds;
 - How much money each regional consortia uses to pay for student travel, staff salary, overhead, or any other activity not directly related to putting on a course (e.g. course materials, room rental, instructor salary and instructor travel);
 - Overall funding need for each consortia. This could be based on the total number of employees that need be trained in the region covered by the consortia.
- The Board strongly supports engaging EPA in discussions on a national training strategy and will also want a report on progress on these discussions at the winter board meeting. The Training Committee, working with EPA, should draft a framework that address national and regional training needs in the best way – one that reflects budgeting realities but is not constrained by the fact that current funding amounts to \$1.8 million (in other words, it could be more than \$1.8 million but not wildly above that figure). This analysis would help inform the winter board meeting decision and fully inform future decisions.