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## Group i&i Consultancy Selected to Advise the Union County Workforce Development Board

Through an open, competitive request for proposals, Group i&i was identified as the consulting firm to serve the Union County Workforce Development Board (UC WDB) in a second phase of strategic engagement to enhance the capacity and effectiveness of the system.

The Group will be providing a wide range of professional services, including: (a) support in the implementation of the Local Strategic Plan; (b) designing and hosting professional development workshops for the staff of the Union County of the American Job Center (AJC) and its partners; and (c) facilitating strategic conversations and planning sessions for the Board's Committees and the AJC partners' managers.

"The County's workforce system is finalizing its transition regarding policymaking, work processes and collaborative engagement toward full alignment with the 2014 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act," said Dan Passarella, Group i&i's Senior Associate for Workforce Development. "We're very pleased to have been selected to provide the Board and the full system important technical assistance, strategic advice, and implementation guidance."

Antonio Rivera, MSW, Executive Director of the UC WDB expressed his enthusiasm regarding the selection on behalf of the Board: "Given recent positive changes within our system, there appears to be a vast, yet-untapped potential in service to the people of the county." He stated that the time was critical for harnessing such potential deliberately and with greater urgency. Having gotten to know the work ethics, quality of deliverables and values of Group i&i, he added that the consulting team assigned to this effort is a "dedicated and experienced team of workforce development professionals committed to transforming the public workforce and educational system. They are graded A+ in my book."

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