



Iowa Workforce Development

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Iowa Workforce Development Completes Internal Investigation

Des Moines – Iowa Workforce Development, in cooperation with the Department of Administrative Services – Human Resources Enterprise has concluded its investigation of three employees, Tony Dietsch, Erv Fett and Laurie Rieck, for possible misconduct arising out of the CIETC salary matter. Iowa Workforce Development has, as of today, acted on the results of the investigation.

IWD has asked for and received the resignation of Erv Fett, former Division Administrator, Administrative Services Division. The resignation is effective immediately. Our investigation determined that as a Division Administrator, Mr. Fett was charged with a number of significant responsibilities regarding the monitoring of sub-contractor which included the salaries at CIETC. Unfortunately, he failed to live up to the level of accountability for which he was charged.

Laurie Rieck will return to work at IWD effective Friday. Although Ms. Rieck's actions demonstrated poor judgment and timing our investigation revealed no facts whatsoever to conclude that her actions were of malicious intent or that she set out to engage in wrong doing. It is the agency's understanding that Ms. Rieck is not a person of interest in the ongoing federal criminal investigation of CIETC. If this changes, Iowa Workforce Development will reexamine what, if any, disciplinary actions it will take concluding that investigation.

Iowa Workforce Development has also returned Tony Dietsch to work as the Division Administrator, Workforce Center Administration effective Friday. Our investigation formally concluded that Mr. Dietsch did not engage in any wrongdoing in this matter.

The State Auditor's Office recently completed its fiscal year 2005 financial review of Iowa Workforce Development. We are pleased to report that the review uncovered no significant findings within the agency. This effectively positions IWD to positively move forward through a reorganization that will provide streamlined internal systems, heightened oversight of sub-contracts and a continued sense of dedication to providing critically needed services to all Iowans.

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