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## Memo

**To:** Marlowe & Company Clients  
**From:** Christina Dunsmore  
**Re:** Local Jobs for America Act  
**Date:** March 17, 2010

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Marlowe & Company would like to inform our clients of an exciting piece of legislation that has been introduced in Congress recently. The “Local Jobs for America Act,” also known as H.R. 4812, would enable communities and community-based organizations to both save and create roughly one million jobs, both in the public and private sector. This is *not* the “Jobs Bill” that is currently being considered by Congress.

Introduced by Rep. George Miller (D-CA), this legislation would provide \$75 billion of federal funds to be distributed over a two year period. Of the \$75 billion, \$52.5 billion would go directly to communities with at least 50,000 residents, and \$22.5 billion would go directly to states to distribute to communities with fewer than 50,000 residents. There will be specific areas in which the funds can be put to use. Under the proposed legislation, the funds may only be used for compensation of full-time, full-year positions and jobs that are regular government or local community organization jobs.

This program would be administered by the U.S. Department of Labor and its funding distribution would be similar to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – with every city with a population of 50,000 or more receiving direct funding. Also like CDBG, local governments with populations below 50,000 would be eligible to receive funding, passed through the states. 70% of the total funds would be used for entitlement communities. A city can use 5 percent of funding for administration of the program and there is no local match requirement associated with the funds.

The Act also includes language providing \$23 billion to help states support an estimated 250,000 education jobs through the Education Jobs Fund. A stipulation of these monies is the prohibition of usage for rainy day funds or reducing and retiring debt incurred by the state.

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Also included in this bill would be \$1.18 billion to put 5,500 police officers to work; and \$500 million to hire and retain firefighters and \$500 million for approximately 50,000 additional on-the-job training and employment services to help private business expand employment.

*Marlowe & Company will continue you updated of the progress of this legislation. Should you have any questions, please call your Marlowe & Company Team Leader or email [legislation@marloweco.com](mailto:legislation@marloweco.com).*