

**TO: WIB Executive Committee**

**DATE: 5/6/02**

**FROM: PITD Staff**

- For Action
- For Information
- Meeting Notes

**SUBJECT: WIB & Youth Council Labor Market and Student Information**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Discussion Only**

**DISCUSSION:** Current labor market information should be an integral part of the communication link between PITD staff and the WIB and the Youth Council. Decisions made by these two groups should be predicated on timely and accurate data.

Labor market information is readily available and easily accessed via the Internet, as is employment and unemployment data. This monthly data can be captured, manipulated and provided in an easily updateable format conducive to its use by the WIB at its bi-monthly meetings. This data is always available and could be provided on an as needed basis for special request by the board, as well.

Since staff is responsible for providing this information, it is proposed that the attached documents be provided to the WIB and Youth Council on a continuing basis.

The Employment Development Department Labor Market Summary would be produced on a monthly basis and provide a two-month summary of pertinent data directly linked to the needs of the WIB. The proposed data would include:

- California Current Labor Force and Industry Employment
- County Labor Force and Industry Employment (including data for cities and communities)
- Merced County Labor Force and Employment by Industry
- Percent of Unemployment (by community)
- Twenty Year Unemployment History (plus current year by month)
- Twenty Year Workforce History (plus current year by month)
- Four Year Community Unemployment History (plus current year by month)

**The Youth Council would also receive this data for information purposes as well.**

**The attached Youth Labor Market Summary, for the time being would be presented to the WIB and Youth Council yearly since the unemployment and school demographics are currently available but one time per year.**

**It is hoped (and being researched by our EDD Labor Market Consultant) that we can get monthly unemployment data, albeit in condensed version, for our use.**

**The EDD Youth Labor Market Summary With Selected School Census Data would currently include:**

- **Merced County Unemployment Rates (for 16 to 24-year-olds)**
- **Merced County Public High School Enrollment by Ethnic Group**
- **High School Enrollment by Grade**
- **High School Free & Reduced Price Meals/CalWorks Enrollment**
  
- **High School Dropout Rates (grades 9 through 12)**

**And in a separate document:**

- **Merced County High School Dropout Rates and Student Attrition (1994 freshman class through projected 2002 graduation)**

**With your concurrence, the reports will become part of the WIB Executive and full board meeting agendas and to begin, the youth related data would be presented at the next available meetings of the WIB and Youth Council.**

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**ATTACHMENT(S): Labor Market and Student Information Examples & Proposed Formats**

