

**TO: Workforce Investment Board (WIB)**

**DATE: 05/22/03**

**FROM: Youth Council staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Youth Opportunity Program (YOP) Younger Youth Contract**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the WIB approve the renewal of the YOP Younger Youth contract with Merced County Office of Education/Regional Occupational Program (MCOE/ROP).**

**DISCUSSION: Presently the Merced County Office of Education/Regional Occupational Program has a contract with Merced County to provide workforce development services and activities to Workforce Investment Act eligible youth, ages 14-18. The contract has been in place since November 2000 and is approved through June 30, 2004, dependent upon the availability of funds.**

**During its May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting the Youth Council approved a new contract reflective of the reduced funding available for youth programs. The amount available has been reduced to \$1,322,726 (a 33% reduction). MCOE/ROP will serve approximately 500 youth and will continue to provide all required services. An entirely new contract will be written for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. The old contract will be terminated once a new contract is in place.**

**ATTACHMENT(S): N/A**