

TO: Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

Date: May 23, 2002

FROM: Youth Council

For Action
 For Information
 Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: Jobs for California Graduates Merced County Inc. (JCGMC) Out-of-School Contract

PROPOSED MOTION:

That the WIB ratify the selection of JCGMC by the Youth Council and the WIB Executive Committee as the second Out-of-School youth program provider. Further, that the WIB concur with the Youth Council's approval of the negotiated contract with JCGMC.

DISCUSSION:

On December 11, 2001, the Merced County Board of Supervisors authorized a Request for Proposal for a second Out-of-School youth program provider. The proposal was answered by one provider, JCGMC, who was approved on February 8, 2002 by the Youth Council. The Executive Committee approved the request on February 11, 2002 (next WIB meeting March 28, 2002). The WIB bylaws state in part: " ..the Executive Committee may take actions on behalf of the Board when such actions are required before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board". Contract negotiations with JCGMC were started, but during the March 28, 2002 WIB meeting, the decision was made by the WIB not to renew the Arbor older youth contract. This decision caused negotiations with JCGMC to be restarted since JCGMC would no longer be the second youth provider but would be the only Out-of-School provider.

The contract negotiations were approved by the Youth Council on May 10, 2002. The program will serve 225 WIA eligible Out-of-School youth between the ages of 17 - 21. The contract will run from April 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 at a

total cost of \$1,068,374. JCGMC will also provide continuing services for 49 active Arbor participants and follow-on services for 59 exited Arbor enrollees.

The contract is a collaboration between JCGMC, Employment Development Department, Merced County Office of Education/Regional Occupational Program, Merced Adult School, Merced College, Merced Lao Family, and the Merced County Community Action Agency.

The first year's projection is to serve 45 youth at a cost of \$220,374. The projection for the second full year is 180 youth at a cost of \$848,000. JCGMC has been operating on an "at-risk" basis since April 1, 2002 with no signed contract.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A