

**TO: WIB**

**DATE:7/13/06**

**FROM: Youth Council**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Empower Out-of-School Youth Contract**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Approve the renewal of the Empower Out-of-School Youth contract.**

**DISCUSSION: Merced County Office of Education (MCOE)/Regional Occupational Program had a contract with Merced County to provide workforce development services and activities to Workforce Investment Act eligible out-of-school youth, ages 17-21. That contract expired June 30, 2006, at a total contract cost of \$696,537.**

**This year's initial budget for the renewal contract is \$494,963. The State of California's allocation from Dept of Labor (DOL) is 14% less than last year's allocation. It is expected that additional monies will be received from DOL, but amounts are unknown. If additional dollars are received, they will be added into this contract. MCOE will serve approximately 300 youth, and will continue to provide all required services. The new contract will run from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.**

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