

TO: WIB

DATE:7/13/06

FROM: Youth Council

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Youth Opportunity Program (YOP) Contract

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Approve the renewal of the YOP Younger 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 youth, ages 14-18. The contract expired June 30, 2006, at a total contract cost of \$847,434.

Next year's initial budget for the renewed contract is \$606,277. 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 450 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