

To: WIB Executive Committee

Date: Oct 29, 2001

FROM: Youth Council

For Action
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 Meeting Notes

**SUBJECT: Request for Proposal (RFP) for Out-of-School Youth (17-21)
Year Round Program**

PROPOSED MOTION: That the WIB Executive Committee approve the Youth Council's recommendation to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to approve a new RFP to provide a second older youth program provider. Further, recommend that the Executive Committee request the Board of Supervisors authorize General Services to let the RFP as soon as possible.

DISCUSSION: At present the older youth program provider is Arbor, Inc. Arbor contracted to provide services to 500 Merced County youth at a total program cost of \$1,855,233. Arbor has failed to serve an adequate number of youth. Additionally, a monitoring visit revealed serious deficiencies in Arbor's operation. The Youth Council has requested PITD renegotiate the Arbor, Inc. older youth contract to reduce the numbers of youth served at a reduced contract cost. Initial negotiations with Arbor indicate a minimum of \$489,000 could be deobligated and be made available for a second program provider. In order to adequately serve the older youth population, a RFP must be immediately let to provide continued, quality service.

ATTACHMENT: Differences between original RFP for older youth program and the new RFP for a 2nd youth program provider.