

**TO: Workforce Investment Board**

**DATE: 11/13/03**

**FROM: WIB Executive Committee  
Quality Assurance Committee**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: New Out-of-School Contract, Merced County Office of Education**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Ratify the Out-of-School contract as negotiated by the Youth Council Contract Working Group and approved by the Executive Committee and forward to Board of Supervisors for approval.**

**DISCUSSION: On September 19, 2003, Jobs for California Graduates (JCG) terminated its contract to serve WIA out-of-school youth. On September 29, 2003, the WIB Executive Committee recommended convening a meeting of the JCG contract partners to choose a lead agency for a possible new contract. On October 7 the process was completed with MCOE being unanimously chosen. Additionally, the BOS acted on October 7, approving the use of Non-competitive (Sole Source) procurement to solicit a contractor for the Out-of-School program.**

**On October 8 the Youth Council granted authority to its Contract Working Group to negotiate a new contract with MCOE. On October 27, 2003, that contract was accepted by the Executive and Quality Assurance Committees.**

**The MCOE contract is an entirely new program, not a continuation of the JCG program. The emphasis will be on individual case management with the majority of the budget dedicated to direct participant services. Initial efforts are concentrating on locating existing participants, evaluating individual needs, and re-establishing services. New enrollments are planned to begin in February 2004. The program will restore services to approximately 267 enrolled and 25 follow-up participants. The contract will run from September 22, 2003 through June 30, 2004 at a cost not to exceed \$849,869 of which \$603,623 is for program costs.**

**The contract also includes the payment of subcontractors for services provided but not yet paid by the County during the JCG contract periods (\$246,246).**

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