

**To: Workforce Investment Board**

**Date: Nov 15, 2001**

**FROM: Youth Council/WIB Executive Committee**

**For Action**  
 **For Information**  
 **Meeting Notes**

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

**PROPOSED MOTION: That the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) ratify the Youth Council's/WIB Executive Committee's action to approve a new Request For Proposal (RFP) to solicit additional older youth program proposals. Further, recommend that the WIB ratify the Executive Committee's action to request the Board of Supervisors to authorize General Services to let the RFP as soon as possible.**

**DISCUSSION: On October 29, 2001, the WIB Executive Committee approved an action by the Youth Council to let a new RFP to solicit an additional older youth proposal and to bring that decision to the WIB for ratification. They also voted to recommend to the full WIB that the WIB request that Board of Supervisors authorize General Services to let the RFP as soon as possible.**

**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. As of this date, Arbor has failed to serve an adequate number of youth. Additionally, a PITD monitoring visit revealed serious deficiencies in Arbor's operation. The Youth Council has requested that 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 service.**

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

