

TO: Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

DATE: 01/23/03

FROM: Youth Council

- For Action**
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SUBJECT: Expansion of Out-of-School Contract

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Ratify action of the WIB Executive Committee to concur with the Youth Council's recommendation to expand the Out-of-School Youth Program by having Jobs for California Graduates, Merced County Inc. (JCGMC) place a Job Specialist within the Merced County Housing Authority.

DISCUSSION: During its October 11, 2002 meeting, the Youth Council moved to expand the current Out-of-School contract. The expansion suggestion came from a study of "best practices" of Youth Councils across the nation. It is strongly felt that the large numbers of out-of-school youth residing within the Housing Authority represent an untapped resource. At present, there are approximately 175 youth who appear to meet Workforce Investment Act enrollment standards who live in the Housing Authority properties.

The amendment will add a full-time Job Specialist to be located within the Merced County Housing Authority. The Housing Authority will provide an on-site office, telephone, and a client list from each of the housing locations within the county. JCGMC will be responsible for recruiting within the Housing Authority. The Job Specialist will make scheduled visits to all Merced County Housing Authority sites.

It is conservatively expected that this amendment will add an additional 25 youth to be enrolled and served. The expansion is for a period of 9 months at a contract increase of \$49,635. This expansion will reestablish concurrence with the Workforce Investment Act requirement that at least 30% of youth funds be expended on out-of-school youth.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A