

**TO: Youth Council**

**DATE: 04/15/09**

**FROM: Youth Council Staff**

**For Action**

**For Information**

**For Discussion**

**SUBJECT: Youth Opportunity Program (YOP) Youth Contract 09/10**

**PROPOSED MOTION(S): Recommend the renewal of the Youth Opportunity Program (YOP) Younger Youth contract with the addition of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding and forward to the WIB for approval.**

**DISCUSSION: Merced County Office of Education (MCOE)/ Regional Occupational Program has a contract with Merced County to provide workforce development services and activities to Workforce Investment Act eligible, in-school youth, ages 17-21. The contract will expire September 30, 2009 at a total contract cost not to exceed \$959,573. Through Youth Council and Workforce Investment Board recommendation, the Board of Supervisors approved extending the current contract to the end of September in order to accommodate the ARRA Summer Youth Employment Project.**

**MCOE will continue to provide all required services and will serve an additional 70 participants with the ARRA funding. This new contract will run from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at a total contracted cost of \$872,493. The contract amount is the combination of \$697,493 regular WIA formula funding and \$175,000 of ARRA funding. The Merced County office of Education is planning to serve an additional 175 youth with the regular formula allocation.**

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