

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 04/14/2004

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Update on Youth Programs Request for Proposal

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Information Only

DISCUSSION: On January 8, 2004, the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) directed that a Request for Proposal (RFP) be issued for 2004-05 WIA Youth Programs. That RFP was issued February 27, 2004, and closed April 6, 2004. February 11, 2004, the Youth Council selected an Evaluation Committee to rate proposals to the RFP. That committee met April 13, 2004. The selected proposers must be notified by General Services through a "Notice of Intent to Award". Once that notice has been sent, then the organizations selected to provide the youth programs would be publicly announced.

Three (3) bids were received. One bid was received for the Younger Youth Program from Merced County Office of Education (MCOE). That proposal will serve 520 active participants and 250 in follow-up at a cost of \$1,470,000. The Out-of-School program had two bids. MCOE proposes a program serving 313 active participants with 127 in follow-up at a cost of \$630,000. Central Valley Opportunity Center also proposes a different program, serving the needs of rural youth from farm worker and agriculturally employed families, 75 youth at a cost of \$251,681.

Because of timing constraints, once the proposers have been selected, the next step will be approval by the WIB on May 13, 2004. We hope to have the Board of Supervisors sign the new agreement June 8th or 15th. The new programs will begin July 1, 2004.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A