TO: Youth Council **DATE: 05/09/07**

FROM: Youth Council Staff

- [X] **For Action**
- [ ] **For Information**
- [ ] **For Discussion**

SUBJECT: Empower Out-of-School Youth Contract

PROPOSED MOTION(S): Recommend the renewal of the EMPOWER Younger Youth contract 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, out-of-school youth, ages 17-21. The contract will expire June 30, 2007 at a total contract cost not to exceed $567,486.

MCOE will continue to provide all required services and will serve approximately 180 youth. The new contract will run from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at a total contracted cost of $451,465. The contracted amount has gone down from 2006/07 because youth carryover monies were consumed by prior contracts.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A