

TO: Youth Council

DATE: May 14, 2003

FROM: Youth Council staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Youth Opportunity Program (YOP) Younger Youth Contract

PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the Youth Council approve the renewal of the YOP Younger Youth contract with Merced County Office of Education/Regional Occupational Program (MCOE/ROP).

DISCUSSION: Presently the Merced County Office of Education/Regional Occupational Program has a contract with Merced County to provide workforce development services and activities to Workforce Investment Act eligible youth , ages 14-18. The contract has been in place since November 2000 and is approved through June 30, 2004, dependent upon the availability of funds.

Next year's budget for the contract is \$1,970,047. The amount available has been reduced to \$1,322,726 (a 33% reduction). MCOE/ROP will serve approximately 500 youth and will continue to provide all required services. An entirely new contract will be written for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. The old contract will be terminated once a new contract is in place.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A