

TO: Youth Council

DATE: 6/14/06

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: EMPOWER Out-of-School Youth Contract

PROPOSED MOTION(S): That the Youth Council approve the renewal of the EMPOWER Out-of-School youth contract.

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 out-of-school youth, ages 17-21. The contract expires June 30, 2006 and is funded at a total contract cost of \$696,537.

Next year's initial budget for the renewed contract is \$494,963. The State of California's allocation from DOL is 14% less than last year's allocation. It is expected that additional monies will be received from DOL but amounts are unknown. If additional dollars are received, they will be added into this contract. MCOE will serve approximately 300 youth and will continue to provide all required services. The new contract will run from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

ATTACHMENT (S): N/A