

TO: Youth Council

Date: October 12, 2001

FROM: Operations Committee

For Action
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 Meeting Notes

SUBJECT: Request for Proposal (RFP) for Older Youth (19-21) Year Round Program

PROPOSED MOTION: That the Youth Council recommend to the Workforce Investment Board to approve a new RFP for a second older youth program provider. Further, that the WIB request the Board of Supervisors authorize General Services to let the RFP as soon as possible.

DISCUSSION: At present the older youth program provider is Arbor, Inc. Arbor contracted to provide services to 500 Merced County youth at a total program cost of \$1,855,233. Arbor has failed to serve an adequate number of clients. Additionally, a monitoring visit revealed serious deficiencies in Arbor's operation. The Operations Committee has directed PITD to begin renegotiations with Arbor to reduce the numbers of youth served at a reduced contract cost. In order to adequately serve the older youth population, a RFP must be immediately let to provide continued service.

ATTACHMENT: Differences between original RFP for Older Youth Program and the new RFP for a 2nd Youth Program Provider.