

TO: Youth Council

DATE: December 10, 2003

FROM: Youth Council Staff

For Action

For Information

For Discussion

SUBJECT: Request for Proposal for New Youth Programs Beginning July 1, 2004

PROPOSED MOTION(S): The Youth Council recommend to the Workforce Investment Board to approve a new Request For Proposal (RFP) for the Reauthorized WIA Younger and Out-of-School Programs.

DISCUSSION: Congress is presently working on the Reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act. The bills from the House and Senate have both been passed and have significant differences. It is expected that those differences will be resolved shortly after the new year begins. Once the new law is received, an immediate RFP should be let to allow for adequate time and competition to select next year's youth program providers.

Additionally, County procurement procedures require that competition be re-established after a period of time. More specifically, a contract should be renewed after its initial year and not more than two extensions. The younger youth contract has been in effect since January 2001 and has been extended twice. When the out-of-school contract was awarded to MCOE as a sole source contract, it was directed by the Youth Council that any future contract would be awarded as the result of an RFP.

It is envisioned that one RFP will be issued, requesting proposals for either the younger youth or out-of-school programs, or for both. An RFP takes approximately 100 days to complete, from let date to program start date. The combined cost of the new programs is estimated to be \$2.1 million for FY 2004-05.

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A