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SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

FACT SHEET

**BACKGROUND:** In his fiscal year 1977 budget, the President indicated his intention to request a supplemental for summer youth jobs for 1976 as soon as the projections of summer youth job needs were available. In March, the Secretary of Labor made his analysis of the situation, and as a result, the President is requesting \$528,420,000 to finance 888,100 jobs under the authority of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA), Section 304(a)(3). The action the President is taking today, combined with other related summer youth employment programs, means Federal efforts will produce summer jobs for 1.5 million young people.

**DELIVERY SYSTEM:** Funds are allocated among existing CETA sponsors who are generally States, cities and counties with populations of 100,000 or more, consortia of jurisdictions, and Indian Tribes and organizations.

**DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:** Funds are allocated by formula among the sponsors, taking into account last year's allocation, relative distribution of low income families, and relative levels of unemployment (data to be used in the formula will be available early in May). No sponsor will receive fewer slots than were allocated last year.

**ELIGIBLE YOUTH:** Youth are eligible if they are age 14 - 21 and qualify under the Department of Labor's definition of disadvantaged. Generally this includes those on public assistance and those whose family income levels are below the poverty guidelines established under criteria issued by the Office of Management and Budget. For a family of four, the income level for the coming summer is \$5,500.

**TYPE OF JOBS:** Jobs are generally 20 hours per week for nine weeks. They pay at least the minimum wage and are in a wide range of community public or nonprofit worksites, e.g.: hospitals, libraries, day care and health services. At local option there are varying degrees of training and supportive services provided.

**RELATED SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS:** In addition to the jobs funded by the supplemental there will be additional Federally generated youth employment programs as follows:

**Federal Summer Employment Program:** Under Civil Service Commission guidance, Federal agencies will hire about 54,000 disadvantaged youth. (An additional 30,000 young people are expected to be hired for the summer under merit staffing procedures.)

**Youth Conservation Corps:** About 26,000 youth (not restricted to disadvantaged) will do conservation work in Federal and State parks and forests under Department of Agriculture and Interior direction.

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National Alliance of Businessmen (NAB): NAB has pledged 200,000 jobs for disadvantaged youth.

Employment Service: The State Employment Services have set a goal of placing an estimated 335,000 disadvantaged youths in summer jobs.

CETA Title I: Many sponsors will provide additional summer jobs from funds already available under Title I of CETA. Last year 143,000 jobs were funded this way. There is no estimate yet of how much will be provided this year.

SUMMARY: The attached table gives the 1976 summer job effort compared to 1975. A report on the overall effort is being sent to Congress by the Secretary of Labor.

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Summer Jobs Programs for Youths  
Estimated Number of Jobs and Federal Funding 1976 and 1975

Program	1976 (Planned)		1975 (Actual)	
	Summer Jobs	New Obligational Authority	Summer Jobs	Expenditures
CETA Title III (Summer Program for Economically Disadvantaged Youth)	888,100	\$528,420,000	888,100	\$433,056,000
Federal Summer Employment Program for Youth	54,000	51,500,000	53,900	40,484,000
Youth Conservation Corps	26,000	32,000,000	12,000	13,000,000
Employment Service (ES) Youth Placements	335,000	<u>1/</u>	323,000	<u>1/</u>
National Alliance of Businessmen (NAB)	200,000	<u>1/</u>	221,900	<u>1/</u>
Total Estimated Summer Hires	1,503,100 <sup>2/</sup>	\$611,920,000	1,498,900 <sup>2/</sup>	\$486,540,000
CETA Title I	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	143,400	\$ 60,020,000

- 1/ Costs of wages borne by employing establishments; promotion and placement costs are not available.
- 2/ Total may include a small number of ES placements in jobs pledged through the NAB program.
- 3/ An undetermined number of jobs will be provided by prime sponsors under Title I allocations.