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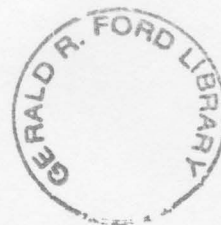
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MEMORANDUM FOR Honorable Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant to the
President for EEO and Civil Rights

Enclosed are recent news releases of the Department of
Commerce concerning activities having some impact on
minorities and disadvantaged persons which may be of
interest to you.

Luther C. Steward, Jr.
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Special Assistant for Civil Rights

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DENT ANNOUNCES GRANT
TO HELP PLAN LIGNITE
DEVELOPMENT IN ALABAMA

Secretary of Commerce Frederick B. Dent today announced approval of a \$50,402 grant to help plan the development of lignite as an energy source to stimulate long-range economic growth in a 10-county area of southwest Alabama.

The Alabama-Tombigbee Rivers Regional Planning and Development Commission, based at Camden, is the applicant for the funds from the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.

The commission is the official organization of the Alabama-Tombigbee Rivers Economic Development District consisting of Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Dallas, Marengo, Monroe, Perry, Sumter, Washington and Wilcox counties.

Extensive deposits of lignite -- also known as brown coal and wood coal -- are reported in parts of Choctaw, Marengo, Sumter and Wilcox counties.

Commission officials anticipate that the availability of lignite as a source of energy will stimulate industrial growth in the region by attracting plants requiring low-cost power. The EDA funds will be used to help pay costs of a 12-month study to:

-- Locate and ascertain the extent of lignite in the region.

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-- Identify potential environmental effects of surface mining.

-- Consider potential problems that could result from the development of lignite-based industries in the region.

The Geological Survey of Alabama will work with the district commission in carrying out the lignite exploration and research program.

Commission officials said findings of the study will be used in planning the overall economic development program for the 10-county area. The purpose of the program is to create new jobs and increase incomes.

The Alabama-Tombigbee Rivers Regional Planning and Development Commission will provide \$17,205 to complete the \$67,607 total cost of the project.

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DENT ANNOUNCES GRANT
FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK
AT FITCHBURG, MASSACHUSETTS

Secretary of Commerce Frederick B. Dent today announced approval of a \$1,812,000 grant to help develop an industrial park and stimulate diversified economic growth at Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

The Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority is the applicant for the grant from the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.

Dent said the industrial park also will help stabilize the economy of the Fitchburg-Leominster area by providing sites for existing firms in the community to construct new plants.

Local officials report a lack of sites for plant construction has hampered the area's economic development program and resulted in the loss of a number of industries.

The Redevelopment Authority is establishing the industrial park in connection with the overall economic development program of the Fitchburg-Leominster area. The purpose of the program is to stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs to reduce a high rate of unemployment.

The Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority will provide \$1,208,000 to complete the \$3,020,000 total cost of the project, which will include roads, water and sewer lines and a railroad spur. The project also includes relocation of a stream, landscaping and site grading.

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TACOMA, WASHINGTON
GETS COMMERCE GRANT
FOR BICENTENNIAL PAVILION

Secretary of Commerce Frederick B. Dent today announced approval of a \$1,336,000 grant to help develop a convention center and extend the Broadway Plaza to help stimulate long-range industrial and commercial growth in Tacoma, Washington.

The grant from the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration will help to construct the Tacoma Bicentennial Pavilion and a pedestrian overpass and extend the plaza in downtown Tacoma.

Tacoma is constructing the pavilion and downtown facilities in connection with its long-range plans for economic growth to create jobs for workers left unemployed as a result of cutbacks in aerospace production in the Puget Sound area.

City officials believe the rehabilitation of the downtown area will further encourage the industrial growth of Pierce County, which has been stimulated in recent years by the expansion of the Port of Tacoma. The port expansion was accomplished with EDA financial assistance.

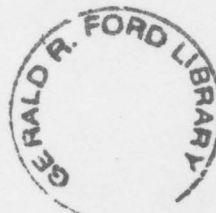
The Pavilion will house the South Puget Sound Economic Development Center, consisting of office, conference and display space. The complex also will provide the convention facilities that the city needs to qualify for business and association meetings, local officials report.

The pedestrian overpass will connect two sections of the Broadway Plaza and enhance the community atmosphere of the city, they add.

The City of Tacoma will match the EDA grant to complete the \$2,672,000 total cost of the project.

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DENT ANNOUNCES GRANT
TO HELP SPUR GROWTH
AT MONROE, LOUISIANA

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Secretary of Commerce Frederick B. Dent today announced approval of a \$1,020,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

The City of Monroe is the applicant for the funds from the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.

The project involves an enlargement of the Monroe water system to serve an industrial area, including a city-owned industrial park, adjacent to Selman Field Airport.

Monroe is developing the industrial park in connection with the area's overall economic development program. The purpose of the program is to create new jobs and increase incomes through the development of local resources.

New jobs are needed to combat high unemployment and under-employment in the area.

Other aspects of Monroe's economic development program include expansion of airport facilities, construction of recreational facilities and a major renovation of the city's business district.

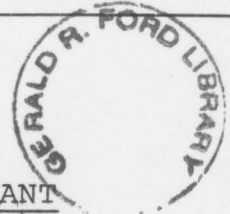
The project approved today consists of installing additional water lines and constructing storage facilities.

The City of Monroe will provide \$680,000 to complete the \$1,700,000 total cost. The EDA grant includes a \$170,000 bonus because Monroe and Ouachita Parish are participating in the long-range planning program of the multi-county North Delta Economic Development District.

Monroe serves as a growth center, providing jobs and services for the district.

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DENT ANNOUNCES
EDA GRANT FOR
CANTON, MISS.



Secretary of Commerce Frederick B. Dent today announced approval of a \$1,537,200 grant to help develop an industrial park and stimulate long-range economic growth in Madison County, Mississippi.

The City of Canton is the applicant for the grant from the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.

The project involves development of an industrial park to continue the diversification of the economy in Madison County. The work will include a new well, construction of two water-storage tanks and a treatment plant and installation of transmission lines.

The new facility will provide additional sites for firms that have expressed an interest in locating plants in Canton, officials reported.

All sites in an industrial park developed earlier by the city are occupied and additional sites are needed for plants to help diversify Canton's dependence on farming, food processing, forest products and textile manufacturing.

Local officials report that the new development will be a vital phase of the long-range growth plans of the Central Mississippi Economic Development District, a multi-county organization seeking to stimulate growth and create jobs.

The City of Canton will provide \$1,024,800 to complete the \$2,562,000 total project cost. The EDA grant includes a \$256,200 bonus because Canton and Madison County are participating in the planning program of the Central Mississippi Economic Development District.

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DENT ANNOUNCES GRANTS
TO AID JOB DEVELOPMENT
AT BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA

Secretary of Commerce Frederick B. Dent today announced approval of grants totaling \$1,060,400 to help stimulate diversified, long-range economic growth in Beltrami County, Minnesota.

The funds from the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration and the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission will go to the City of Beltrami.

The project involves an enlargement of the community's water and sewer systems and extension of water and sewer lines to the Bemidji Industrial Park.

City officials said the industrial park is a key element of the area's overall economic development program aimed at creating new jobs through diversified commercial and industrial growth. New jobs are needed to combat high unemployment and underemployment, the city said.

Year-round manufacturing jobs also are needed to encourage the area's high school graduates to remain in the community rather than migrating to other cities in search of employment, the local officials said.

The industrial park is being developed by the Bemidji Development Corporation, a nonprofit organization, in cooperation with the city

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and county. The park, which includes space for future expansion, will provide sites to encourage private enterprise to expand and establish plants at Bemidji, the corporation anticipates.

The Economic Development Administration is making a \$960,400 grant for the project and the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission, \$100,000. The City of Bemidji will provide \$311,600 to complete the \$1,372,000 total cost of the project. The EDA grant includes a \$137,200 bonus because Bemidji and Beltrami County are members of the Headwaters Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to create jobs through the orderly use of local resources.

The funds will enable Bemidji, the growth center for the Headwaters District, to construct an elevated storage tank and install additional water mains.

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FITZGERALD, GEORGIA
GETS EDA, COASTAL PLAINS
GRANTS TO SPUR JOB GROWTH

Secretary of Commerce Frederick B. Dent today announced approval of grants totaling \$1,252,200 to help stimulate economic growth and create jobs in Ben Hill County, Georgia.

The City of Fitzgerald will use the Federal grants from the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration and the Coastal Plains Regional Commission to develop an industrial park to stimulate job-opportunities for the unemployed and underemployed.

The project includes a deep well, a water-storage tank, water and sewer lines and access roads.

Local officials report that the industrial park is being developed according to the long-range plans of the multi-county Coastal Plain Economic Development District to encourage a growth of industry in areas of high unemployment.

They anticipate that sites will be available in the park for 30 industrial plants that could provide job opportunities for several hundred workers. New jobs are needed for workers entering the labor market and for others who have become unemployed through the mechanization of farming.

The industrial park also is expected to help diversify the farm-based economy of Ben Hill County.

The Coastal Plains Regional Commission is making a \$225,000 grant and EDA, a \$1,027,200 grant. The City of Fitzgerald will provide \$459,800 to complete the \$1,712,000 total project cost. The EDA grant includes a \$171,200 bonus because Ben Hill County is participating in the program of the economic development district.

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DENT ANNOUNCES GRANT
TO HELP SPUR GROWTH
AT BRINKLEY, ARKANSAS

Secretary of Commerce Frederick B. Dent today announced approval of a \$1,043,400 grant to help stimulate diversified, long-range economic growth in Monroe County, Arkansas.

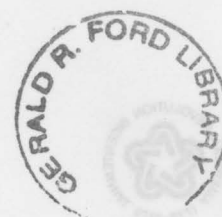
The City of Brinkley is the applicant for the grant from the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.

The city will use the funds to help develop a new water supply and enlarge the local water system.

Brinkley is undertaking the project in connection with the overall economic development program of the Central Arkansas Economic Development District. The multi-county district organization is working to overcome regional problems and to create jobs through the development of local resources.

Brinkley officials say the enlarged water system will enable the community to participate in industrial and commercial growth anticipated along Interstate Highway 40, linking Little Rock and Memphis.

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Brinkley's Industrial Development Committee and Chamber of Commerce report previous efforts to attract new firms to the community have been curtailed because of a lack of an ample supply of quality water.

In addition to providing water for industrial and commercial growth, the project will encourage construction of new homes in the community, the city said.

The City of Brinkley will provide \$695,600 to complete the \$1,739,000 total cost of the project. The EDA grant includes a \$173,900 bonus because Brinkley and Monroe County are members of the Central Arkansas District.

As an EDA-designated growth center, Brinkley is expected to provide jobs and services for residents of economically lagging areas in the district.

The project involves the construction of two wells northwest of Brinkley, a water-treatment plant, a transmission line and an elevated storage tank.

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CARRIZO SPRINGS, TEXAS
GETS EDA GRANT TO HELP
SPUR NEW JOBS, INCOMES

Approval of a \$352,000 grant to help stimulate economic growth in Dimmit County, Texas, was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The grant will go to the City of Carrizo Springs to expand a local water system. The project includes construction of a ground-level water storage facility, and treatment, pumping and distribution systems.

The improvements are a part of the overall plans of Dimmit County and the multi-county Middle Rio Grande Economic Development District to diversify the area's dependence on farming for jobs and incomes.

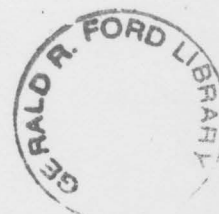
Local officials report that increased water reserves will eliminate the need for rationing during summer droughts and will serve as an incentive for the establishment of light manufacturing industries. New job opportunities are needed for workers entering the labor force and for others displaced by the mechanization of farming.

Unemployment in Dimmit County averages 13 percent, officials added. A majority of the unemployed are Spanish-speaking workers.

The City of Carrizo Springs will provide \$88,000 to complete the \$440,000 total project cost. Included in the EDA grant is a \$44,000 bonus because Carrizo Springs and Dimmit County are participating in the planning program of the Middle Rio Grande Economic Development District.

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NORTH DAKOTA TRIBE
GETS EDA GRANT
FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Approval of a \$540,000 grant to help develop community facilities needed to stimulate economic growth and create jobs on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation of North Dakota was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation applied for the funds.

The projects will include completion of a community building at Little Shell, addition of a kitchen, playground and parking lot for the center at Mandaree, addition of a kitchen and other improvements for the center at White Shield, construction of a community services building at Twin Buttes, and improvements to the public library at Four Bears.

Tribal leaders report that the improvements are needed to provide services required to induce industrial firms to locate plants on the reservation. The community centers offer vocational training and adult education classes to improve the skills of the work force and provide community health programs for Indian families.

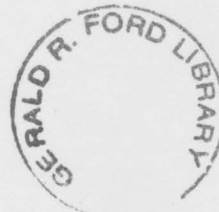
New jobs are needed on the reservation to help reduce the high rate of unemployment.

The tribe operates the Four Bears Lodge in its program to attract tourists.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the new work.

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EDA GRANT TO HELP
STIMULATE GROWTH
AT BATAVIA, NEW YORK

Approval of a \$241,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs in Genesee County, New York, was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City and Town of Batavia are the applicants for the grant.

The funds will be used for a 50-acre expansion of an existing industrial park. The EDA grant will help to pay the cost of water and sewer facilities and access roads.

Local officials report that the new industrial land is needed to provide jobs for skilled workers entering the work force from technical schools and for unskilled workers displaced by the mechanization of farming in western New York.

Genesee County in recent years has pursued a long-range program of diversifying its economy from farming and the production of farm equipment to light manufacturing. Initial development of the industrial park has helped to attract several small commercial and industrial firms.

The City and Town of Batavia are coordinating growth plans with the Genesee Economic Development Corporation, the Genesee County Industrial Development Agency and the Genesee County Chamber of Commerce.

The City and Town of Batavia will match the EDA grant to meet the \$482,000 total cost of the industrial park project.

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BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN
GETS EDA GRANT FOR
JOB-DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Approval of a \$50,500 grant to help Battle Creek, Michigan, conduct a program to stimulate industrial growth and create jobs was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Battle Creek will use the Federal grant to help pay administrative costs of Battle Creek Unlimited, a nonprofit organization established to coordinate the city's industrial development activities.

Battle Creek Unlimited will work with local business firms to help stabilize and expand operations. It also will work with the Calhoun County Economic Development Commission in carrying out a comprehensive program to attract new job-generating businesses.

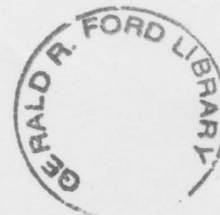
Special emphasis will be placed on the development of the Fort Custer Industrial Park being established by the city in connection with the area's overall economic development program.

Battle Creek Unlimited will encourage local firms to build plants in the industrial park.

The City of Battle Creek will provide \$25,000 to complete the \$75,500 cost of the job and business development program for a year.

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PERRY COUNTY, INDIANA
GETS EDA DESIGNATION
FOR FEDERAL JOB PROGRAM

Perry County, Indiana, today became eligible for Federal financial assistance to help plan and carry out projects to stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs.

The county was designated as a redevelopment area by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Today's action was based on the sudden rise in unemployment caused by the closing of the General Electric tube plant at Tell City.

As a redevelopment area, Perry County is eligible for the full range of EDA benefits under the Public Works and Economic Development Act. These include:

-- Grants to help build public facilities to foster diversified, long-range economic growth.

-- Financial assistance (loans and guarantees) to encourage private enterprise to expand and establish job-generating activities.

-- Planning and technical assistance to help solve problems blocking growth.

Designation of Perry County for participation in the EDA program was requested by the Perry County Commissioners, with offices at Cannelton.

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OTOE-MISSOURIA LAND
IN OKLAHOMA DESIGNATED
FOR FEDERAL JOB PROGRAM

Otoe-Missouria Tribal Trust Lands in Oklahoma have become eligible for Federal financial assistance in planning and carrying out projects to help create new jobs, it was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The Otoe-Missouria trust lands were designated as a redevelopment area under provisions of the 1974 amendments to the Public Works and Economic Development Act.

The Otoe-Missouria lands are located in Noble County.

As a redevelopment area, the trust lands are eligible for the full range of EDA benefits. These include:

-- Grants and loans to help build public facilities to encourage long-range economic growth.

-- Loans and guarantees to encourage private enterprise to expand and establish job-generating operations.

-- Planning and technical assistance to help overcome problems blocking growth.

Designation of the trust lands was requested by the Otoe-Missouria Tribal Council, Post Office Box 1382, Shawnee.

Council officials are working to create new jobs and increase incomes for the unemployed and underemployed through the development of tribal resources.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP PLAN JOB GROWTH
AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Approval of a \$65,805 grant to help conduct a program to plan and carry out projects to stimulate economic growth and create jobs in the near southside area of Fort Worth, Texas, was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The Fort Worth - Tarrant County Community Development Fund, Inc., 2871 South Riverside Drive, will use the grant to help pay the administrative costs of a professional planning staff.

The staff will conduct research, planning and promotional activities in behalf of long-range industrial and commercial growth in the near southside area.

Fund officials said the five-square-mile area is marked by high unemployment and low family income along with outmigration of businesses and skilled workers. The fund is working to establish a coordinated economic development program to help revitalize the area and provide job and business opportunities for southside residents.

The Fort Worth - Tarrant County Community Development Fund will provide \$22,035 to complete the \$87,840 total cost of the program for a year.

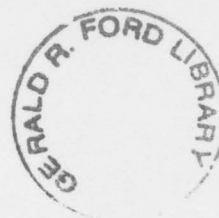
In addition to establishing a staff to coordinate the southside's economic revitalization, the fund will work with other community organizations in establishing goals and priorities for public and private investments needed to spur long-range economic growth at Fort Worth.

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NORTH DAKOTA TRIBE
GETS EDA GRANT TO
HELP SPUR GROWTH

Approval of a \$100,000 grant to help stimulate long-range industrial growth and create jobs on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation in North Dakota was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, with headquarters at Belcourt, applied for the grant.

The project involves renovation of a tribally owned warehouse for use as a skill-training center.

Tribal officials said Clark Equipment Company, Melroe Division, will conduct welding classes in the center. It is anticipated that the training program will lead to the creation of 10 jobs and encourage industrial firms to establish operations on the reservation.

The tribe is establishing the skill center in connection with the reservation's overall economic development program. The purpose of the program is to create job opportunities and increase incomes for tribal members through the development of the reservation's resources.

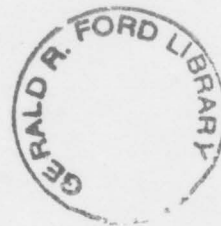
The EDA grant will meet the total cost of establishing the job-training facility.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
FOR JOB, BUSINESS PROGRAM
AT PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK

Approval of a \$54,000 grant to help continue a job and business development program in a 16-county area of New York was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The Research Foundation of the State University of New York, Albany, applied for the grant to help pay costs of a management and technical assistance program being conducted by the State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

The purpose of the university center program is to help create jobs and increase incomes through a comprehensive economic development program.

Center officials work with the Eastern Adirondack, Mohawk Valley and Black River-St. Lawrence Economic Development Districts in providing technical assistance and guidance for business and community growth.

The area served by the Plattsburgh center consists of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Montgomery, Oneida, Oswego, St. Lawrence, Schoharie, Warren and Washington counties.

In addition to providing assistance to help establish new businesses, the center works with existing firms to help overcome problems blocking growth and to stabilize employment.

The center conducts studies and collects and disseminates data essential to long-range economic growth.

The Research Foundation of the State University of New York will provide \$80,000 to complete the \$134,000 total cost of continuing the program for six months.

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BREA, CALIFORNIA
GETS EDA GRANT
TO HELP SPUR GROWTH

Approval of a \$500,000 grant to help stimulate long-range industrial and commercial growth in Orange County, California, was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Brea applied for the grant to help enlarge the community's water system.

Brea is undertaking the project in connection with Orange County's overall economic development program. The aim of the program is to create jobs by encouraging diversified economic growth.

The water project involves development of a reservoir and construction of a pumping station. Brea officials said the expansion will enable the community to open additional sites for industrial and commercial development. It also will provide increased water pressure for existing industry and residential areas.

Brea's water system is linked with the Orange County water system, and city officials anticipate that the increased pressure to be supplied by the reservoir will foster industrial development in the northern section of Orange County.

Expansion of the water system is expected to encourage increased production by Albertsons, Inc., a food distributor, and Food Machinery Corporation in Brea, according to the city's application for the EDA grant.

The City of Brea will provide \$1,350,000 to complete the \$1,850,000 total cost of the project.

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JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK
GETS EDA GRANT FOR
PRODUCTIVITY PROGRAM

Approval of a \$120,000 grant to help continue a program to boost productivity and stimulate long-range economic growth at Jamestown, New York, was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Jamestown applied for the grant to help pay costs of its Labor-Management Committee for a year.

Jamestown officials said the program will include studies on the quality of working life at a number of selected plants and a series of courses at the local community college. It also will include a survey of changes -- economic, social and psychological -- brought about under the two-year-old productivity enhancement program.

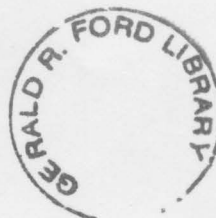
Jamestown officials say the program has had these benefits: unemployment has declined, no major industrial firm has moved its operations to another location, one new plant has been established, and labor management relations have been more harmonious.

Long-range benefits anticipated in connection with the program to boost worker morale and productivity include increased incomes, higher tax yields and new jobs through industrial growth, local officials report.

The City of Jamestown will provide \$40,000 to meet the \$160,000 total cost of continuing the program.

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
AREA GETS DESIGNATION
FOR FEDERAL JOB PROGRAM

The southwest portion of Memphis, Tennessee, has become eligible for Federal financial assistance to help plan and carry out projects to create jobs, it was announced today.

The Memphis area was designated as a Special Impact Area by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Designation of southwest Memphis -- a 25-census tract area -- was in response to a request by the City.

The Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizes EDA to designate urban areas with large concentrations of low-income or unemployed persons for EDA programs. The unemployment rate in the Memphis Special Impact Area is estimated at more than 8.5 percent.

As a Special Impact Area, southwest Memphis is eligible for these EDA benefits:

-- Grants of up to 80 percent of the cost of public works projects essential to long-range economic growth.

-- Financial assistance -- loans and guarantees -- to encourage private enterprise to expand and establish new job-generating operations.

-- Planning grants and technical assistance to help solve problems blocking growth.

The area consists of 1970 Census Tracts 22-23, 39-59, 76-77 and 222. Census Tract 222 includes a small part of Shelby County.

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EMMETT, IDAHO
GETS EDA GRANT
TO SPUR GROWTH

Approval of a \$340,800 grant to help stimulate diversified industrial growth and create jobs in Gem County, Idaho, was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Emmett will use the Federal grant to expand its municipal water system.

Local officials report that the improved facilities are needed to help reduce the community's dependence on agriculture for jobs and incomes. They add that the seasonal nature of farming results in cyclical unemployment which has exceeded 8 percent during the year.

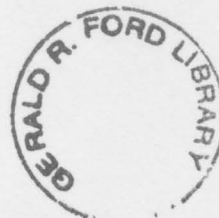
Increased water supplies and pressure will help to expand the area's economy into food processing, sales and shipping. They also expect the forest products industry to share in the benefits of the new facilities and to increase production and jobs.

Officials report that ADCO West, Stokely Van-Camp and Boise Cascade have announced expansion plans that will result in 60 new jobs upon completion of the project.

The City of Emmett will provide \$227,200 to complete the \$568,000 total cost of the project. The EDA grant includes a \$56,800 bonus because Emmett and Gem County are participating in the programs of the Ida-Ore Economic Development District, a multi-county organization seeking to overcome lagging growth and unemployment by coordinated planning.

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WEST TEXAS DISTRICT
GETS EDA DESIGNATION
FOR FEDERAL JOB PROGRAM

A six-county area of Texas became eligible for Federal financial assistance to help plan and carry out projects to stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs, it was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

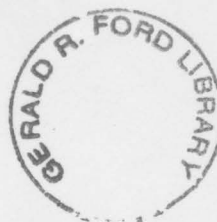
The area, designated as the West Texas Economic Development District, consists of Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties.

The aim of the EDA district program is to encourage adjacent jurisdictions to work together to overcome regional problems blocking growth and to create jobs in areas of high unemployment.

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EDA programs include grants and loans for public facilities, loans and guarantees to encourage private enterprise to expand and establish job-generating operations, and planning and technical assistance.

The West Texas Council of Governments, with offices in El Paso, is the official organization of the district.

WEST TEXAS DISTRICT
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EDA APPROVES GRANT
FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK
AT BOONVILLE, NEW YORK

Approval of a \$420,000 grant to help stimulate diversified, long-range economic growth in Oneida County, New York, was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The Boonville Economic and Industrial Development Corporation, Inc., is the applicant for the grant.

The project involves the development of an industrial park by the non-profit community-based corporation.

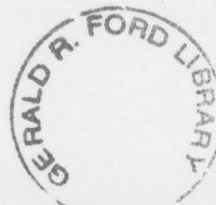
Boonville is undertaking the project in connection with the area's overall economic development program aimed at creating jobs to combat high unemployment.

Local officials said new jobs are needed to help the community provide opportunities for skilled workers displaced by cutbacks in forest-products industries and farming.

Other aspects of the community's economic development program include promotion of tourism by the Boonville Chamber of Commerce and construction of health-care facilities.

The Boonville Economic and Industrial Development Corporation will provide \$180,000 to complete the \$600,000 total cost of the project.

The EDA grant includes a \$60,000 bonus because Boonville and Oneida County are members of the Mohawk Valley Economic Development District. The multi-county district organization is working to overcome regional problems and to create jobs through the development of local resources.



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The project includes construction of access roads, a water tank, water and sewer lines, and pumping stations to serve approximately one-half of an industrial tract owned by the Economic and Industrial Development Corporation.

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EDA, UPPER GREAT LAKES
MAKE JOB GRANTS FOR
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Approval of grants totaling \$783,000 to help create jobs in Morrison County, Minnesota, was announced today by the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Little Falls is the applicant for the Federal grants.

The funds will be used to develop an industrial park and diversify the area's dependence on farming and forest industries for jobs and incomes. The project will include construction of streets and installation of water, sewer and drainage facilities.

The industrial park will help the city attract industry and provide jobs for workers displaced by the mechanization of farming. It also will help provide permanent year-round jobs for workers who are unemployed because of seasonal cutbacks in forest industries and in tourism.

Unemployment in Morrison County is nearly 10 percent, local officials said.

The new development will enable the T. O. Plastics Company to expand and create 30 additional jobs. It is estimated that as many as 300 jobs would be developed by firms establishing plants in the industrial park in the future.

The Upper Great Lakes Commission is making a \$150,000 grant for the project and EDA, a \$633,000 grant. The City of Little Falls will provide \$272,000 to complete the \$1,055,000 total project cost.

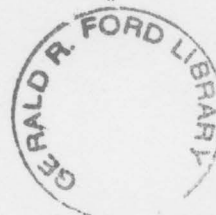
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PRIEST RIVER, IDAHO
GETS EDA GRANT TO HELP
STIMULATE JOB GROWTH

Approval of a \$504,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs in Bonner County, Idaho, was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Priest River is the applicant for the Federal funds, which will be used to help enlarge the community's water system.

Priest River officials said the expanded water system will enable the city to participate in growth anticipated in connection with development of the area's forest products industry. It also is expected to enhance the community's role in the development of the region's recreation and tourist industries.

The project will serve the entire community and provide for increased water service to encourage existing firms to expand operations, city officials said. It also will enable the city to increase service to residential areas and stimulate the construction of new homes.

The City of Priest River will provide \$216,000 to complete the \$720,000 total cost of the project. The EDA grant includes a \$72,000 bonus because Priest River and Bonner County are members of the Panhandle Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to overcome regional problems blocking growth and to create jobs.

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FORT WORTH, TEXAS
GETS EDA GRANT
TO HELP CREATE JOBS

Approval of a \$200,000 grant to help create immediate construction jobs for unemployed workers in the stockyards area of Fort Worth, Texas, was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Fort Worth applied for the Federal grant.

The project involves the second phase of the restoration of the Northside Coliseum and the beautification of Marine Creek.

EDA approved the grant under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing funds to help develop useful public facilities in areas of high unemployment.

Work is expected to get under way within 90 days and be completed in a year. Fort Worth officials anticipate that the project will provide jobs for 40 unemployed persons.

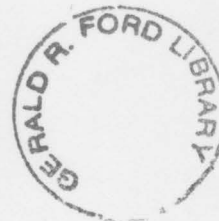
The City of Fort Worth will provide \$50,000 to complete the \$250,000 total cost of the project.

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GREENFIELD, CALIFORNIA
GETS EDA GRANT
TO HELP CREATE JOBS

Approval of a \$320,000 grant to help create immediate construction jobs in Monterey County, California, was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Greenfield is the applicant for the Federal grant.

The project involves reconstruction of the community's main street, formerly State Highway 1.

EDA approved the grant under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing funds for the construction of useful public facilities in areas of high unemployment.

Construction of the project is expected to get under way within 90 days and be completed in a year. It will provide jobs for 40 persons from the ranks of the community's unemployed, local officials said.

The City of Greenfield will provide \$80,000 to complete the \$400,000 total cost of the project. The funds will enable the city to build and landscape a 12-foot wide, 4-block long median strip.

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MARLIN, TEXAS
TO SPUR GROWTH
WITH EDA GRANT

Approval of a \$273,600 grant to help stimulate industrial growth and create jobs in Falls County, Texas, was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Marlin will use the grant to enlarge its water system to assure adequate supplies for an expansion of existing industries and to attract new job-generating firms.

City officials report that the improvements are needed to continue the city's long-range program of creating jobs in manufacturing industries to relieve the area's economic dependence on agriculture. New permanent, year-round jobs are needed by workers displaced by the mechanization of farming.

Officials also anticipate that improved water services will help to boost the area as a commercial center for surrounding communities.

The project includes installation of water lines from the city lake into the water system, extension of mains to loop the system and improvements to an existing treatment plant.

The City of Marlin will provide \$182,400 to complete the \$456,000 total project cost. The EDA grant includes a \$45,600 bonus because Marlin and Falls County are participating in the overall economic development program of the Central Texas Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working for coordinated growth in the area.

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ANDOVER, KANSAS
GETS EDA GRANT
TO CREATE 259 JOBS

Approval of grants totaling \$364,000 to stimulate economic growth and create 259 jobs in Andover, Kansas, was announced today by the Ozarks Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Andover will use the Federal funds to expand and improve water-distribution facilities to serve the Andover Industrial Park.

City officials state that the improvements will eliminate periodic water shortages now hampering industrial growth. Increased water service will enable existing businesses to expand and serve as an inducement to new industry.

The city reports that new industry is needed to diversify the area's economic dependence on aircraft and recreation vehicle production.

Three firms have announced plans to expand with the completion of the project. They are the Lanco Division of the Roper Corporation which will add 213 jobs; the International Cold Storage Company, 25 jobs; and Enmar Paint Company, Inc., 21 jobs.

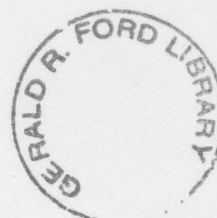
The Economic Development Administration is making a \$273,000 grant for the water project, and the Ozarks Commission, a \$91,000 grant. The City of Andover will provide \$91,000 to complete the \$455,000 total cost of the project.

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EDA GRANT TO HELP
SPUR JOB GROWTH
AT ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA

Approval of a \$165,000 grant to help develop a commercial park and stimulate job opportunities for unemployed American Indians in Caddo County, Oklahoma, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

W.C.D. Enterprises, Inc., a non-profit corporation formed by the Wichita, Caddo and Delaware Indians of Oklahoma, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to provide a water-storage tank at the W.C.D. Commercial Park, located just north of Anadarko.

Tribal officials report that the expanded water reserve will help to provide the service required by businesses and industry to locate in the park. They anticipate that the project will help to stimulate the growth of the park and create jobs for unemployed tribal members.

Indians represent a high portion of the population in Caddo County, and the rate of unemployment among Indian workers exceeds that of other labor groups, officials add.

Construction of a multi-purpose building for the tribes and another structure to house offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs is under way at the site.

Development of the remaining area will be according to a long-range plan prepared by the W.C.D. Enterprises, Inc.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the water-storage facility.

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EDA APPROVES GRANTS
TO AID JOB PROGRAM AT
COMPTON, CALIFORNIA

Approval of grants totaling \$425,000 to help stimulate industrial and commercial growth at Compton, California, was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Compton applied for the grants to help develop an industrial park and to install new water lines in the community's central business district.

Compton is carrying out the projects in connection with an overall economic development program aimed at creating new jobs and strengthening the city's tax base.

The city will use a \$125,000 EDA grant to help install water mains to serve the business district and adjacent residential areas. The project will serve a proposed new civic center and provide water service to encourage business growth in the community, Compton officials said.

Compton will provide \$172,000 to complete the \$297,000 total cost of the project.

EDA is making a separate \$300,000 grant to help the city develop Walnut Industrial Park, thereby converting vacant land into potential sites for industry. The project includes site grading and installation of water and sewer lines and drainage facilities.

The City of Compton will provide \$304,000 to complete the \$604,000 total cost of the industrial park project.

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EDA GUARANTEES LOAN
TO HELP VIRGINIA PLANT
RESUME FULL OPERATIONS

Approval of the guaranty of a \$500,000 working capital loan to help a Buena Vista, Virginia, textile plant resume full operations was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Bernson Mills, Inc., is the applicant for the financial assistance from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The Buena Vista plant produces broadloom fabrics for the apparel, home furnishings and neckwear industries. It currently employs approximately 150 persons.

When full operations are attained, the firm anticipates a staff of approximately 300.

The plant sustained extensive losses during flooding caused by Hurricane Camille in 1969.

EDA approved the working capital guaranty under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorising funds to help businesses maintain and expand operations in areas of high unemployment.

By today's action, EDA guarantees 90 percent of the unpaid balance of a seven-year loan extended to Bernson's Mills, Inc., by the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York City.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
FOR JOB PROGRAM IN
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Approval of a \$71,300 grant to help conduct a program to create jobs and train the unemployed in the renovation of homes in an inner-city neighborhood of Wilmington, Delaware, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Neighborhood, Inc., 1122 West Third Street, Wilmington, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce. It will be used to help pay the cost of a construction and technical assistance program for 15 months.

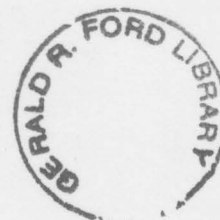
The aim of the program is to create jobs for unemployed craftsmen and train the unskilled in the remodeling of abandoned and boarded-up houses in the city's west-side community.

The restoration of homes also is expected to encourage families to move into the inner-city community.

Assistance will be provided to prospective homeowners in the selection and financing of houses for rehabilitation. The Neighborhood, Inc., will provide \$31,096 to complete the \$102,396 total cost of the program.

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SIX COUNTY AREA
OF MISSOURI DESIGNATED
FOR FEDERAL JOB AID

A six-county area of Missouri has become eligible for Federal financial assistance in planning and carrying out projects to help create jobs, it was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The area became eligible for the Federal assistance upon designation as the Meramec Economic Development District.

The district consists of Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Phelps and Washington counties.

The aim of the EDA district program is to encourage adjacent counties to work together to overcome regional problems blocking growth and to create new jobs in economically lagging areas.

An economic development district must include at least one county designated as a redevelopment area by EDA because of high unemployment. It also must include at least one growth center -- a community that can provide jobs and services for residents of redevelopment areas.

Phelps and Washington counties are the redevelopment areas in the Meramec District and Rolla is the growth center.

Today's action makes Phelps and Washington counties eligible for bonuses of 10 per cent above what they normally would receive in EDA grants for public works projects.



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All areas in the district are eligible for EDA assistance for projects that will help create jobs and increase incomes for the unemployed and underemployed. The six counties also will share in the benefits of long-range planning conducted by the district's staff with the aid of EDA grants.

The Meramec Regional Planning Commission, Rolla, is the official organization of the district. The commission includes representatives of each of the participating counties.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP CREATE JOBS
AT OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Approval of a \$142,800 grant to help create 50 jobs at Oroville, California, was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The County of Butte applied for the Federal funds to construct a frontage road adjacent to Highway 70 to serve industrial sites.

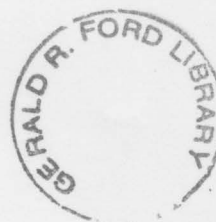
The frontage road will extend from Georgia Pacific Way, an industrial access road, south to serve an industrial area where the Louisiana Pacific Corporation has built a hardboard plant. The firm plans to add 50 employees to its present work force of 167. Louisiana Pacific also plans to build a stud mill near the hardboard plant.

Butte County leaders have been working for ten years through three local organizations to bring full-time jobs to the area to balance the seasonal employment pattern of an economy based on lumbering and agriculture. Unemployment in the county has been around 10 percent for the last five years, mainly because of the seasonal nature of employment. The Butte County Economic Development Commission has been working with the Oroville Industrial Development Corporation and the Oroville Area Chamber of Commerce to bring industry and jobs to the area. Louisiana Pacific was one of the firms attracted to Butte County.

Butte County will provide \$95,200 from other sources to complete the \$238,000 total cost of the road project.

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LUDLOW, VERMONT
GETS EDA GRANT
TO HELP SPUR GROWTH

Approval of a \$332,500 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs at Ludlow, Vermont, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Town and Village of Ludlow applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The project involves enlarging the community's water system and widening a bridge to serve an industrial park being developed by the Ludlow Development Corporation.

Ludlow officials said the project is being carried out in connection with the area's overall economic development program aimed at creating new jobs through diversified industrial growth.

New jobs are needed to combat high unemployment and to help curb outmigration of skilled workers because of the loss of an aircraft engines plant, Ludlow officials said.

Other aspects of the community's economic development program include restoration of the Black River Academy, construction of flood-control facilities and construction of an industrial arts building at the local school.

The Town and Village of Ludlow will match the EDA grant to complete the \$665,000 total cost of the project. The water system enlargement will include a storage facility.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP MEMPHIS STATE
TRAIN NUCLEAR TECHNICIANS

Approval of a \$50,000 grant to help Memphis State University establish a program to train nuclear power plant technicians was announced today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The university will use the grant to help pay administrative costs of a training program to be developed and conducted by its Center for Nuclear Studies in cooperation with the National Science Foundation.

University officials said the program will help meet manpower requirements of nuclear power plants now in operation and of plants under construction or planned. The training will offer young people from Tennessee and other southeastern states an opportunity to obtain jobs at nuclear power plants and in supporting industries.

In addition, special emphasis will be placed on training present employees of utility companies. This phase of the program will be conducted at plant sites for workers who cannot leave their jobs and homes to return to school for extended periods.

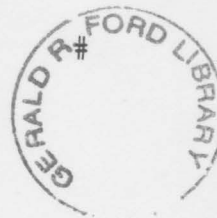
Memphis State University will provide \$531,615 from other sources to complete the \$581,615 total cost of the program for a year.

The funds will enable the Center for Nuclear Studies to conduct manpower surveys in areas selected for nuclear power plants, develop training programs for on-campus and plant-site classes and coordinate the nuclear training program with economic and social requirements of communities with nuclear facilities.

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PLEASANTON, TEXAS
GETS EDA GRANT
TO HELP SPUR GROWTH

Approval of a \$315,000 grant to help stimulate community development and create jobs in Atascosa County, Texas, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Pleasanton is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Pleasanton will use the funds to help carry out a storm-drainage and street-paving program in a low-income, minority neighborhood.

The project is the first phase of an overall city plan to eliminate flooding and make the community attractive to commercial and industrial growth.

The City of Pleasanton will provide \$210,000 to complete the \$525,000 total cost of the project.

A \$52,500 bonus is included in the EDA grant because Pleasanton and Atascosa County are members of the multi-county Alamo Area Economic Development District. The district organization is working to overcome regional problems blocking growth and to create new jobs.

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MILWAUKEE GETS
EDA GRANT TO HELP
CONDUCT INDUSTRIAL STUDY

Approval of a \$100,000 grant to help study the feasibility of improving highway access to the Menomonee Valley Industrial Area to stimulate long-range economic growth in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Milwaukee applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, to help pay costs of feasibility and engineering studies to be conducted by the Department of City Development.

Milwaukee officials anticipate that improved traffic access for the valley would encourage private enterprise to expand operations and create jobs. The Menomonee Valley is in an EDA-designated special impact area -- a 15-square mile section of Milwaukee with critical problems of high unemployment.

The project will include preparation of a preliminary transportation plan for the valley. It will consider the feasibility of widening Canal Street and routing the Milwaukee Railroad tracks along the Canal Street right-of-way, connecting Canal Street to Interstate Highway 94 at 25th Street, and improving the Canal Street interchange with the North-South Freeway.

The project also will include an analysis of soil conditions and the feasibility of establishing a solid-waste recycling center in the valley.

The City of Milwaukee will provide \$55,279 to complete the \$155,279 total cost of the project, which is expected to be completed in a year.

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BIG RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
GETS EDA, UPPER GREAT LAKES
FUNDS FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK

Approval of grants totaling \$584,681 to help develop an industrial park in Mecosta County, Michigan, was announced today by the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Big Rapids applied for the Federal funds.

Big Rapids is developing the industrial park in connection with the overall economic development program of Mecosta County. The aim of the program is to create jobs through long-range planning and development of local resources.

New, year-round jobs are needed to combat high unemployment and help diversify the area's economy, local officials said. They anticipate that the availability of developed industrial sites will encourage private enterprise to expand and establish plants in the community.

Other aspects of the economic development program at Big Rapids includes an urban renewal program and plans for low-income housing.

The Economic Development Administration is making a \$366,000 grant for the project and the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission is providing \$218,681. The City of Big Rapids will provide \$147,319 to complete the \$732,000 total cost of the project, which will consist of an access road and the installation of water and sewer lines.

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WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
GETS EDA GRANT TO HELP
CONTINUE ARSENAL STUDY

Approval of an \$18,000 grant to help continue a program of planning for the re-use of the Watertown, Massachusetts, Arsenal to stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce approved the grant for Watertown in cooperation with the President's Economic Adjustment Committee, which is working with communities and personnel affected by cutbacks in military activities.

The grant will help pay administrative costs of the Watertown Arsenal Alternative Use Committee for six months.

Watertown officials said the committee will conduct research related to the title of the arsenal land, markets for the property and financial interests of the town in the property.

Watertown also is considering using some of the arsenal facilities for a school and recreation center.

The Town of Watertown will provide \$6,000 to complete the \$24,000 total cost of continuing the program.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP NORTH DAKOTA
PLAN LIGNITE DEVELOPMENT

Approval of an \$83,206 grant to help continue a program to plan orderly development of lignite resources in North Dakota was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The State of North Dakota is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

North Dakota has established an energy advisory committee to study the impact of lignite development on the State's economy and to plan for the growth of the industry.

The State will use the EDA grant to help pay administrative costs of the program for a year.

Rapid development of the State's lignite -- a type of soft coal -- is anticipated.

The program includes consideration of the establishment of gasification plants and electric power generating facilities. Lignite reserves are concentrated in seven western counties -- Adams, Dunn, Hettinger, McLean, Mercer, Oliver and Stark.

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Special emphasis is being placed on planning for balanced growth between agriculture, recreation and industry in connection with lignite development.

North Dakota's energy advisory commission consists of legislators and heads of executive departments of State government. The commission is working with private enterprise and local and Federal governments in conducting the lignite development planning.

The State of North Dakota will provide \$35,132 to complete the \$118,338 total cost of continuing the program for a year.

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HILLSBORO, TEXAS
GETS EDA GRANT
TO HELP SPUR GROWTH

Approval of a \$240,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs in Hill County, Texas, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Hillsboro is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The project involves an enlargement of the community's water system to increase pressure throughout the city and to provide an ample supply of water to encourage industrial and commercial growth.

Hillsboro is undertaking the project in connection with Hill County's overall economic development program aimed at creating new jobs to combat high unemployment and underemployment.

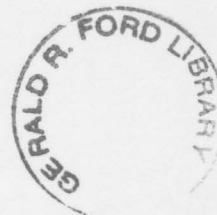
Other aspects of the community's economic development program include the development of an industrial park and participation in the long-range planning program of the multi-county Central Texas Economic Development District.

The City of Hillsboro will provide \$160,000 to complete the \$400,000 total cost of the project. The EDA grant includes a \$40,000 bonus because Hillsboro and Hill County are members of the Central Texas District.

The funds will enable Hillsboro to construct an elevated storage tank and install water lines.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO CREATE IMMEDIATE JOBS
AT COLDSPRING, TEXAS

Approval of a \$47,200 grant to help create immediate construction jobs in San Jacinto County, Texas, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Coldspring applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, to help pave streets in the central business district and make the community more attractive to tourism and industry.

City officials hope to take advantage of increased commerce resulting from the creation of Lake Livingston on nearby Trinity River.

The grant was approved under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act which provides funds to create jobs for the unemployed in areas of high unemployment through construction of useful public facilities.

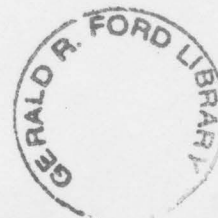
City officials say the project will create 15 construction jobs, of which seven will be filled by unemployed persons.

The City of Coldspring will provide \$11,800 from other sources to complete the \$59,000 total cost of the project.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
FOR IMMEDIATE JOBS
FOR OKLAHOMA INDIANS

Approval of a \$158,000 grant to create immediate construction jobs for unemployed Comanche Indians in Comanche County, Oklahoma, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Comanche Indian Tribe of Oklahoma, with offices at Anadarko, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce. The project covers construction of a center for tribal operations, to be located south of Cache. The center will be used for training in tribal customs and language, as well as in skills for jobs.

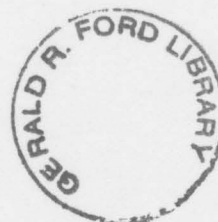
The grant was approved under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act which provides funds to create jobs for the unemployed in areas of high unemployment through construction of useful public facilities.

Tribal officials say the project will provide 30 construction jobs, of which 25 will be filled by tribal members. Work is expected to get under way within 90 days and be completed within one year.

The EDA grant will meet the entire project cost.

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WISCONSIN COMMUNITY
GETS EDA GRANT
TO HELP CREATE JOBS

Approval of a \$210,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs in Waupaca County, Wisconsin, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Weyauwega is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The project involves expansion of the water system and development of an industrial park to provide sites for local industry to expand and to encourage firms seeking locations for new plants to establish operations in the community.

Local officials said Oshkosh Wood Products plans to establish a plant in the park to employ 35 persons. The increased water service will enable the Benson Corporation and Taylor Cheese Company to expand and add several new employees, the city said in its application for the EDA grant.

Weyauwega is developing the industrial park in connection with the overall economic development program of Waupaca County. The aim of the program is to create new jobs to combat high unemployment and to encourage young people to remain in the community.

Weyauwega businessmen have established an industrial development corporation to conduct the community job and business development program.

The City of Weyauwega will match the EDA grant to complete the \$420,000 total cost of the project, which will include the construction of water and sewer lines, a lift station and access roads.

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KOTZEBUE, ALASKA
GETS EDA GRANT
FOR CONSTRUCTION JOBS

Approval of a \$200,000 grant to create immediate jobs in the construction industry at Kotzebue, Alaska, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Kotzebue will use the grant to construct gravel-surface roadways.

Kotzebue officials said the project will open additional areas for the construction of new homes.

EDA approved the grant for Kotzebue under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing funds for useful public facilities in areas of high unemployment.

Construction of the streets is expected to be completed in a year. Kotzebue officials anticipate that 11 persons will be employed on the project.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the street construction.

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EDA GRANT TO HELP
CREATE JOBS AT
NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA

Approval of grants totaling \$470,000 to help create immediate construction jobs for unemployed workers at Natchitoches, Louisiana, was announced today by the Ozarks Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The Natchitoches Parish Police Jury applied for the Federal grants.

The funds will be used to construct an outdoor amphitheater with parking and service facility to provide community meeting and recreation areas. The project also includes a sewer system. It will be located four miles north of Natchitoches.

EDA approved the grant under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing Federal assistance to help construct useful public facilities in areas of high unemployment.

Local officials report that 19 unemployed or underemployed workers will be hired for the project, on which work is expected to be completed in one year.

EDA is making a \$370,000 grant and the Ozarks Regional Commission, a \$100,000 grant. The Natchitoches Parish Police Jury will provide \$138,000 to complete the \$608,000 total project cost.

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EDA-FUNDED PROGRAM
IN UTAH CREATES
OR SAVES 1,855 JOBS

A total of 1,855 jobs were created or saved through a Federally sponsored business and job development program in Utah, a report released today by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, indicates.

The report details the achievements of a 30-month program conducted by the Industrial Services Division of the University of Utah.

The program, funded in part by EDA, lists its mission as:

"The sole purpose of the Industrial Services Division is to support economic growth in Utah by making the existing resources of the University of Utah and other cooperative institutions accessible, and by delivering competent management and technical assistance in support of specific economic development projects, particularly in rural Utah."

In the 30 months ending June 1974, the program provided technical assistance to 137 businessmen and communities. The report states that 1,547 jobs were created and 308 were saved in this period.

Project managers worked with businesses to stabilize or expand operations in an effort to create new jobs and increase incomes.

A new problem encountered by the program involved stresses placed on rural communities to provide services for sudden population growth. The report states:

"Out migration in the service region now appears to have been halted. Indeed, several of the energy rich counties in eastern Utah are now beginning to experience the pressures which accompany rapid growth. Such strong pressures in relatively small population counties bring with them their own unique set of complex problems."

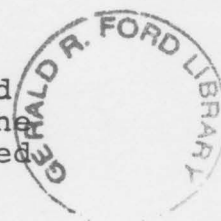
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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP CREATE JOBS
AT WHITE CLOUD, MICHIGAN

Approval of a \$200,000 grant to help create immediate construction jobs for the unemployed at White Cloud, Michigan, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Newaygo County Board of Road Commissioners applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The project involves construction of a garage about one-half mile south of White Cloud to house county road-building equipment.

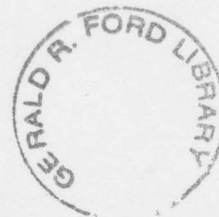
EDA approved the grant for Newaygo County under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing funds for projects to help create jobs in the construction of useful public facilities in areas of high unemployment.

Construction of the garage is expected to get under way within 90 days and be completed in a year. The project will provide jobs for 18 persons from the ranks of the unemployed in the area, county officials said.

The Newaygo County Board of Road Commissioners will provide \$367,000 to complete the \$567,000 total cost of the project.

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WHITE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
GETS EDA GRANT
TO HELP CREATE JOBS

Approval of a \$324,000 grant to help create immediate construction jobs at Searcy, Arkansas, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

White County is the applicant for the funds from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The project involves the construction of the White County Health Service Center. The building will be used by the White County Public Health Unit and the North Arkansas Mental Health Unit.

EDA approved the grant for White County under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing funds to help build useful public facilities in areas of high unemployment.

Construction of the health center is expected to get under way within 90 days and be completed in a year. The project will provide jobs for approximately 80 persons from the ranks of the unemployed, county officials said.

White County will provide \$81,000 to complete the \$405,000 total cost of the project.

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WORTHAM, TEXAS
GETS EDA GRANT
FOR WATER LINE

Approval of a \$30,400 grant to help create immediate construction jobs in Freestone County, Texas, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Wortham applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The project involves installation of a water line to serve the Wortham Hospital area.

EDA approved the grant for Wortham under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing funds to help build useful public facilities in areas of high unemployment.

Installation of the water line, which is expected to get under way within 90 days, will provide jobs for four unemployed persons, the city said.

The City of Wortham will provide \$7,600 to meet the \$38,000 total cost of the project.

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LOSTINE, OREGON
GETS EDA GRANT
TO HELP CREATE JOBS

Approval of a \$293,600 grant to help create immediate construction jobs for the unemployed in Wallowa County, Oregon, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Lostine applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The project involves development of a new water supply for the community.

Mizell said EDA approved the grant for Lostine under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing funds for the construction of useful public facilities in areas of high unemployment.

Construction on the project is expected to get under way within 90 days and be completed within a year. Local officials said the project will provide jobs for 20 persons from the ranks of the unemployed in the area.

The City of Lostine will provide \$73,400 to complete the \$367,000 total cost of the project.

The funds will enable the city to develop five springs as a new water source, construct water lines, build a reservoir and treatment facility, and install water meters.

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EDA, UPPER GREAT LAKES
GRANTS APPROVED FOR
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN

Approval of grants totaling \$486,000 to help stimulate diversified, long-range economic growth in Jackson County, Wisconsin, was announced today by the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Black River Falls is the applicant for the Federal funds, which will be used to help develop an industrial park.

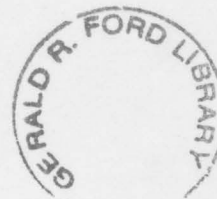
Black River Falls is developing the park in connection with the overall economic development program of Jackson County. The aim of the program is to create jobs and increase income by using local resources.

Local efforts to attract industry are spearheaded by the chamber of commerce and a development corporation. The community also is working to create jobs by expanding tourism linked to Interstate Highway 90 and Black River Falls campground and park.

The Economic Development Administration is making a \$356,000 grant for the industrial park, and the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission is providing \$130,000. The City of Black River Falls will provide \$226,000 to complete the \$712,000 total cost. The funds will be used to install water and sewer lines and construct a water-storage facility, access roads and a rail siding.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP CREATE JOBS
AT McALLEN, TEXAS

Approval of a \$150,000 grant to help create immediate construction jobs for unemployed workers in Hidalgo County, Texas, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of McAllen applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The project involves construction of a water system in the Balboa Acres community, a low-income neighborhood adjacent to McAllen. The area currently obtains water from shallow wells.

EDA approved the grant under a provision of the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing funds to help construct useful public facilities in areas of high unemployment.

Construction on the water system is expected to get under way within 90 days and be completed in a year. The project will provide jobs for 12 persons from the ranks of the unemployed in the area, McAllen officials said.

The City of McAllen will provide \$118,000 to complete the \$268,000 total cost of the project.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP CREATE JOBS
AT GOLCONDA, ILLINOIS

Approval of a \$135,000 grant to help create immediate construction jobs at Golconda, Illinois, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Pope County Community School District No. 1 is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to help build a community center near the high school, about a mile from Golconda.

EDA approved the funds for the school district under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing funds to help build useful public facilities in areas of high unemployment.

Construction of the community center is expected to get under way within 90 days and to be completed in a year. The project will provide jobs for 30 persons from the ranks of the unemployed in the area, local officials said.

Pope County Community School District No. 1 will provide \$39,000 to complete the \$174,000 total cost of the project.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP SPUR GROWTH
AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

Approval of a \$710,000 grant to help stimulate diversified, long-range economic growth at Hot Springs, Arkansas, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Garland County Industrial Development Corporation is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The non-profit corporation will use the grant to help develop a site for industrial, commercial and cultural uses. It is developing the area in connection with the overall economic development program of Hot Springs aimed at creating new jobs and increasing incomes for the people of the area.

Hot Springs is an EDA-designated growth center for the West Central Arkansas Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to overcome regional problems blocking growth and to create new jobs.

Long-range plans call for the establishment of museum, outdoor theater, vocational-technical school and community college in the Hot Springs complex, corporation officials said in their application for the EDA grant. Sites will be available to encourage local firms to expand operations and to encourage firms seeking locations for new plants to establish operations in the community.

The Garland County Industrial Development Corporation will match the EDA grant with funds from other sources to complete the \$1,420,000 total cost of the project, which includes the installation of water and sewer lines and the construction of streets.

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ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON
GETS EDA GRANT
TO HELP CREATE JOBS

Approval of a \$500,400 grant to help stimulate diversified, long-range economic growth in Snohomish County, Washington, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Arlington applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

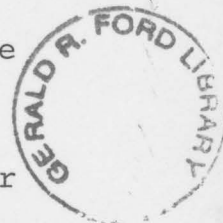
The project involves enlarging the Arlington water system to provide an increased supply of water for the entire community, the Arlington Airport, an industrial park and several areas zoned for industrial use.

Arlington is undertaking the project in connection with the overall economic development program of Snohomish County aimed at creating new jobs to combat high unemployment and stabilize growth.

In addition to providing an increased supply of water for the industrial areas, the project will provide increased fire protection throughout the community and encourage existing firms to expand operations, city officials said in the application for the EDA grant.

Other aspects of the community's economic development program include an expansion of waste-treatment facilities, airport paving and lighting, city hall renovations and park and street improvements.

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The City of Arlington will provide \$333,600 to complete the \$834,000 total cost of the project. The EDA grant includes an \$83,400 bonus because Arlington and Snohomish County are participating in the long-range planning program of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to overcome regional problems blocking growth and to create new jobs by utilizing local resources.

Arlington will use the funds to install water lines -- including a link between the city and the airport -- build a reservoir and enlarge a water-treatment plant.

TO HELP CREATE JOBS
GETS EDA GRANT
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Approval of a \$500,400 grant to help stimulate diversified, long-range economic growth in Snohomish County, Washington, announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Arlington applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce. The project involves enlarging the Arlington water system to provide an increased supply of water for the entire community, the Arlington Airport, an industrial park and several areas zoned for industrial use.

Arlington is undertaking the project in connection with the overall economic development program of Snohomish County aimed at creating new jobs to combat high unemployment and stabilize growth.

In addition to providing an increased supply of water for the industrial areas, the project will provide increased fire protection throughout the community and encourage existing firms to expand operations, city officials said in the application for the EDA grant.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
FOR JOB STUDY IN
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, AREA

Approval of a \$27,500 grant to help conduct a study to encourage industrial growth and create jobs in the Spokane, Washington, area was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Spokane Area Development Council is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The non-profit council was established by the Spokane Chamber of Commerce and the City of Spokane to encourage commercial and industrial development throughout the Spokane region known as the Inland Empire.

Council officials said the aim of the program is to create jobs to combat high unemployment throughout the region. Special emphasis will be placed on creating jobs in the Spokane area developed in connection with Expo '74.

The study will collect statistical data for a 27-county area and consider industries most likely to establish operations in the Spokane area.

The area consists of Adams, Benton, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla and Whitman counties, all in Washington; Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Kootenai, Latah, Nez Perce and Shoshone, all in Idaho; and Flathead, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral and Sanders, all in Montana.

The Spokane Area Development Council will provide \$22,500 to complete the \$50,000 total cost of the study, which is expected to be completed in ten months.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP SPUR GROWTH IN
MARTIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Approval of an \$840,600 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth in Martin County, Kentucky, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Martin County Water District No. 2, with headquarters at Warfield, is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The project involves the installation of a water system to serve an area along Highway 40 in the Beauty, Warfield, Lovely and Pilgrim communities. It also will serve the Massey Coal Company, a firm employing approximately 600 persons, water district officials said.

Availability of water is expected to encourage construction of new homes in the area and commercial growth in connection with coal-mining activities in eastern Kentucky, local officials said.

The water district is installing the distribution system in connection with the overall economic development program of the Big Sandy Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to overcome regional problems and to create new jobs through the utilization of local resources.

Martin County Water District No. 2 will provide \$560,400 to complete the \$1,401,000 total cost of the project. The EDA grant includes a \$140,100 bonus because Martin County is participating in the long-range planning program of the Big Sandy District.

In addition to the installation of distribution lines, the project includes the construction of two storage tanks.

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ELLSWORTH, MAINE
GETS EDA GRANT
TO HELP SPUR GROWTH

Approval of a \$400,000 grant to help stimulate long-range industrial growth and create jobs in Hancock County, Maine, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Ellsworth is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The grant will be used to help construct a sewer system to serve the Ellsworth community, including the New Union River Marina and an area the city plans to develop as an industrial park.

Ellsworth is installing the sewer system in connection with the overall economic development program of the Eastern Maine Economic Development District. The multi-county district organization is working to overcome regional problems and to create new jobs through the utilization of local resources.

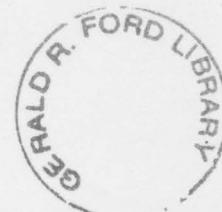
Local officials expect the project to encourage firms seeking locations for new plants to establish operations in the area. The project will help curb pollution and stimulate growth in the area's water-oriented recreation industry.

Ellsworth is installing the sewer system and developing the industrial park in conjunction with the development of a vocational-technical school to help train workers for jobs in industry.

The City of Ellsworth will provide \$2,916,061 from the sources to complete the \$3,316,061 total cost of the project. The sewer system will be linked to a waste-treatment plant to be constructed by the city.

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ALLEGANY COUNTY, MARYLAND
GETS EDA DESIGNATION
FOR FEDERAL JOB PROGRAM

Allegany County, Maryland, has become eligible for Federal financial assistance in planning and carrying out projects to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs, it was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Allegany County was designated as a redevelopment area by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

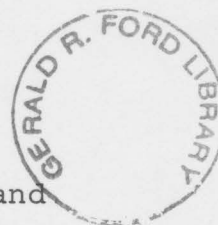
Mizell said the designation is based on high unemployment caused by layoffs at the Celanese Fibers Company plant at Cumberland. The area reported a 12.9 percent unemployment rate in January.

As a redevelopment area, Allegany County is eligible for the full range of EDA benefits under the Public Works and Economic Development Act. These include:

- Grants and loans to help build public facilities essential to long-range economic growth.
- Loans and guarantees to help private enterprise expand and establish job-generating activities.
- Planning grants and technical assistance to help solve problems blocking growth.

Allegany County is eligible for public works grants of up to 50 percent of the cost of projects essential to long-range economic growth. EDA makes grants to help develop industrial parks, build vocational educational facilities, build access roads, and other facilities to stimulate industrial and commercial growth.

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EDA GRANT TO HELP
DEVELOP INDUSTRIAL PARK
NEAR ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA

Approval of a \$903,600 grant to help stimulate industrial growth and create jobs in Blair County, Pennsylvania, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Altoona Enterprises, Inc., a non-profit organization formed to spur economic growth in the area, is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to help develop an industrial park at Claysburg south of Altoona. The project includes installation of water and sewer systems and construction of a water-storage tank and access roads.

Altoona Enterprises, Inc., is developing the park as part of the area's overall development program aimed at improving labor skills and attracting job-generating industry. New jobs are needed for workers who have become unemployed by reductions in railroad operations and for young graduates of a new vocational school.

In the past Altoona Enterprises, Inc., has been instrumental in establishing new plants that have provided jobs for 12,000 workers.

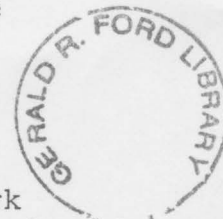
The applicant will provide \$602,400 in other funds to complete the \$1,506,000 total project cost. The EDA grant includes a \$150,600 bonus because Blair County is participating in the long-range planning program of the multi-county Southern Alleghenies Economic Development District.

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CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO
GETS EDA GRANT
TO HELP CREATE JOBS

Approval of a \$200,000 grant to help create immediate construction jobs at Batavia, Ohio, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Clermont County is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The project involves the construction of an office building at Batavia. The facility will be used by the county's board of education, board of elections, agriculture extension service and planning commission.

EDA approved the grant for Clermont County under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing funds for the construction of useful public facilities in areas of high unemployment.

Construction of the Clermont County Building is expected to get under way within 90 days and to be completed in a year. County officials said the project will provide jobs for 18 persons from the ranks of the unemployed.

Clermont County will provide \$880,000 to complete the \$1,080,000 total cost of the project.

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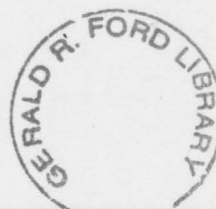
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EDA, FOUR CORNERS
APPROVE JOB GRANTS
FOR DELTA, COLORADO

Approval of grants totaling \$514,200 to help stimulate economic growth to create jobs for unemployed workers in Delta County, Colorado, was announced today by the Four Corners Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Delta is the applicant for the Federal grants. It will use the funds to develop the East Delta Industrial Park and to improve and expand the city's sewer system in an effort to attract industry.

City officials report that industrial expansion is needed to create jobs to reduce unemployment which now exceeds 7 percent. They add that unemployment among Spanish speaking workers in the city is more than 17 percent.

Development of the industrial park will serve as an inducement to industry to locate in the area, they add. Improvement of the city's sewer system also will help attract businesses looking for new plant sites.

City officials report that the development will help to create jobs for graduates of the new Delta-Montrose Vocational-Technical School in the area.

The Economic Development Administration grant is for \$357,000 and the Four Corners Commission, \$157,200. The City of Delta will provide \$199,800 from other sources to complete the \$714,000 total cost of the projects.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
FOR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
AT SEWARD, ALASKA

Approval of a \$654,000 grant to help complete the financing for an expansion of a job-training center at Seward, Alaska, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The State of Alaska, Department of Education, is the applicant for the funds from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Alaska is enlarging the Seward vocational school in connection with the State's overall economic development program aimed at creating new jobs for the unemployed and underemployed.

The expansion of the school includes construction of two buildings -- one to house classes for the training of mechanics and one for food-service classes.

Alaskan officials anticipate that young people participating in the training programs at Seward will find jobs created by the development of the State's petroleum resources, including pipeline construction.

In addition to a training center, the food-service building will provide dining facilities for the school's students and faculty. The new facilities are expected to train about 125 persons in food-service trades, including cooks and bakers, and 180 in mechanical trades a year. The center serves students from the North Slope Borough as well as from the Seward community.

The State of Alaska is providing \$280,000 to complete the \$934,000 total cost of the project.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP PLAN PROGRAM
FOR WASHINGTON FISHERMEN

Approval of an \$80,000 grant to help the State of Washington plan a program to assist displaced fishermen in obtaining new jobs and income was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Mizell said the grant is the first made under the amendment adding a Title IX to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing funds for special economic development and adjustment assistance.

Washington officials report non-Indian salmon fishermen have lost fishing rights in the inner-Puget Sound under a recent court ruling. Many small-scale and part-time fishermen are confronted with the loss of jobs because they are unable to seek catches in other waters.

The State will use the EDA grant to pay the costs of planning a program to assist the displaced fishermen. The project includes the development of a process for administering possible assistance which would include the disposal of non-productive boats and equipment and in providing job-training.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the planning program, which is expected to be completed in four months.

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