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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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TABOR ANNOUNCES
GRANT TO AID JOB GROWTH
IN SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA

Acting Secretary of Commerce John K. Tabor today announced approval of a \$1,323,200 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs in Choctaw County, Oklahoma.

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

The authority will use the grant to help build a water-treatment plant near the Hugo Reservoir.

Hugo officials said the treatment plant is being constructed in connection with Choctaw County's overall economic development program. The aim of the program is to create new jobs and diversify the area's farm-based economy.

Other aspects of the area's economic development program include construction of schools and an industrial park. Choctaw County and Hugo are members of the Kiamichi Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to create jobs through the utilization of local resources.

In addition to providing for industrial growth, the project will enable the Hugo area to participate in anticipated growth of recreation and tourism in southeast Oklahoma. It also will serve an area adjacent to the reservoir where park and tourist facilities are planned.

The Hugo Municipal Authority will provide \$330,800 to complete the \$1,654,000 total cost of the water-treatment plant.

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SECRETARY MORTON
ANNOUNCES LOAN FOR PLANT
AT WASHBURN, MAINE

Secretary of Commerce Rogers C. B. Morton today announced approval of a \$2,000,000 loan to help establish a potato-processing plant and create jobs in Aroostook County, Maine.

The loan, from the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration, will go to the R. T. French Company of Rochester, New York, to help establish a plant at Washburn.

The plant is expected to have an annual production of 30 million pounds of dehydrated potato granules and flakes. The processed foods will be sold to hospitals, military installations, hotels, restaurants and fast-food outlets.

Company officials estimated that 66 year-round jobs will be created and workers hired on a part-time or seasonal basis will boost the total to the equivalent of 156 full-time jobs. In addition, new incomes will be realized by farmers in Aroostook County for the potatoes to be sold to the firm.

New jobs and incomes are needed in Aroostook County where unemployment exceeds 11 percent, officials added.

The project is consistent with the overall economic development program of the Northern Maine Economic Development District. Washburn is a component of the district's growth center and seeks to create jobs for unemployed workers in rural areas.

A \$2,500,000 bank loan has been arranged for the project. The Washburn Industrial Development Commission will provide \$275,000 and the R. T. French Company will add \$725,000 in equity capital to complete the \$5,500,000 total cost of the land, building and machinery. The EDA loan is repayable in 17 years at a 7-3/4 percent annual rate of interest.

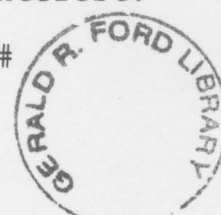
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MORTON ANNOUNCES
FEDERAL FUNDS FOR
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

Secretary of Commerce Rogers C. B. Morton today announced approval of grants totaling \$1,249,000 to help stimulate long-range industrial growth at Hutchinson, Kansas.

The City of Hutchinson is the applicant for the funds from the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration and the Ozarks Regional Commission.

The Federal funds will be used to help carry out a drainage project in the eastern section of the community.

Hutchinson officials said the project will drain a major industrial area, encouraging firms to expand and establish new operations in the city. The drainage project, which will begin near 23rd Avenue and Lorraine Street, will channel run-off water into the Arkansas River to the south.

Hutchinson is carrying out the project in support of the activities of the Golden Triangle growth center of the South Central Kansas Economic Development District. The multi-county district organization is working to create jobs through the development of local resources.

As a part of the growth center, Hutchinson is planning and carrying out projects to help provide jobs and services for residents of the district.

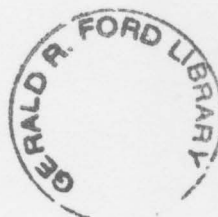
The Economic Development Administration is making a \$919,000 grant for the project and the Ozarks Commission, a \$330,000 grant. The City of Hutchinson will provide \$589,000 to complete the \$1,838,000 total cost.

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ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
GETS EDA GRANT TO HELP
STIMULATE GROWTH

Approval of a \$182,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs in Albuquerque, New Mexico, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

City officials report that the funds will be used to help develop the Barelás Industrial Park as part of the city's long-range plan to provide sites for existing industry to expand and to attract new industry.

They add that the facility is needed to help create jobs for the city's unemployed workers and to carry out Albuquerque's role as a growth center for the Middle Rio Grande Economic Development District. As a growth center, Albuquerque seeks to create jobs for residents of the district.

The city anticipates that the development will help to provide jobs for graduates of vocational schools in the area and to halt the out-migration of young workers.

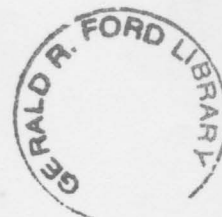
The City of Albuquerque will match the EDA grant to complete the \$364,000 total project cost.

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GRAMERCY, LOUISIANA
GETS EDA GRANT
TO HELP SPUR GROWTH

Approval of a \$914,400 grant to help stimulate industrial growth and create new job opportunities for unskilled workers in St. James Parish, Louisiana, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

Town officials report that the funds will be used to develop a municipal water system, including treatment, storage and distribution facilities.

Gramercy contracts with the Colonial Sugars Company for water used by the city. The company has announced an expansion program to increase employment by as many as 150 workers which will require the total available supply of water.

Local officials report that the project will enable Gramercy to plan for additional industrial growth and will create new job opportunities for unskilled workers. The water system also will serve Golden Grove, a minority community.

The project is consistent with the growth plans of St. James Parish and the South Central Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to stimulate growth through regional planning.

Gramercy will add \$609,600 to complete the \$1,524,000 total project cost. Included in the EDA grant is a \$152,400 bonus because Gramercy and St. James Parish are participating in the South Central Economic Development District planning program.

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EDA GRANT TO HELP
SPUR JOB GROWTH
AT RIO GRANDE, TEXAS

Approval of a \$317,000 grant to help create immediate construction jobs for unemployed and underemployed workers in Starr County, Texas, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Starr County Water Control and Improvements District No. 2 is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to provide a sewer system for Rio Grande City.

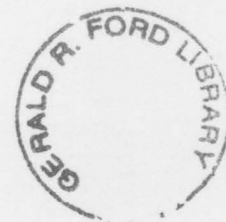
EDA approved the grant under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing funds to help build useful public facilities in areas of high unemployment.

Construction of the system is expected to get under way within 90 days and be completed in a year. The project will provide jobs for 23 persons from the ranks of the unemployed in the county, local officials said.

The Starr County Water Control and Improvements District No. 2 will provide \$110,000 to complete the \$427,000 total cost of the project.

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COMMERCE ANNOUNCES
PLANS TO ALLOCATE
\$125,000,000 FOR JOBS

Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, today announced initial project selection guidelines for the allocation of \$125,000,000 provided under Title X of the Public Works and Economic Development Act.

Mizell said the Department of Commerce expects to allocate the Job Opportunities Program funds to various Federal agencies and regional commissions starting May 7, with final allocation scheduled prior to May 30.

In a letter to agency officials, John K. Tabor, Acting Secretary of Commerce, requested a submission of specific project selections by April 30, so that the Commerce Department and its Economic Development Administration may evaluate them and allocate the Title X funds for the projects.

Tabor urged the Federal agencies participating in the Title X program "to select job-effective projects in communities with the severest levels of unemployment."

Projects receiving financial assistance under Title X may be for any "useful public facility or program," Mizell said. The goal is to put people to work in constructive endeavors as soon as possible.



In addition to the Economic Development Administration, headed by Mizell, agencies participating in the Title X program are:

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, Commerce's Maritime Administration, the Department of Defense, the Department of Health Education and Welfare, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Labor and the Department of Transportation.

Also, the American Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission, the Corps of Engineers, the Energy Resources and Development Administration, the General Services Administration, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Small Business Administration, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Veterans Administration.

Multi-state regional commissions receiving the Commerce Department letter are Appalachian, Pacific Northwest, New England, Four Corners, Ozarks, Old West, Upper Great Lakes and Coastal Plains. The latter seven commissions are funded through the Commerce Department.

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CULDESAC, IDAHO
GETS EDA GRANT
TO CREATE JOBS

Approval of a \$288,800 grant to help stimulate economic growth and create jobs in Nez Perce County, Idaho, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The funds will be used to improve the city's sewer and water systems to serve as the foundation for long-range industrial growth.

A non-Indian community located on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation, the city depends upon farming and forest industries for jobs and incomes. Local officials report that the city's sewer system is causing pollution of Lapwai Creek which flows through two other reservation communities.

In addition to relieving the source of water contamination, the improvements will help two firms to expand and create 35 jobs. They are the Culdesac Post and Pole Company and Grassland West Company.

Officials anticipate that improved water and sewer facilities will help to attract other industries to create jobs for unemployed workers on the Nez Perce Reservation.

The City of Culdesac will provide \$72,200 to complete the \$361,000 total cost of the project, which includes a well, storage tank and water-distribution lines and a sewage-collection system.

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HOWE, TEXAS
GETS EDA GRANT
TO HELP CREATE JOBS

Approval of a \$280,200 grant to help stimulate industrial growth and create 38 new jobs in Grayson County, Texas, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Howe will use the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, to enlarge the city's water system.

The increased water service will enable the Magni-Fab Corporation to expand and increase its workforce from 30 to 68 employees, the city said. The project also will serve an industrial area along U. S. Highway 75.

City officials anticipate that the expanded water system will attract additional industry to the area and create new jobs.

Jobs are needed for workers who became unemployed due to the closing of the Perrin Air Force Base in Grayson County.

Howe is carrying out the project according to long-range growth plans of Grayson County and the Texoma Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to overcome unemployment and lagging growth through regional planning.

The City of Howe will add \$186,800 to complete the \$467,000 total cost of the project lines. The EDA grant includes a \$46,700 bonus because Howe and Grayson County are participating in the planning program of the Texoma District.

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PUEBLO DE COCHITI
OF NEW MEXICO
GETS EDA JOB GRANT

Approval of a \$352,000 grant to construct a community center and encourage long-range economic growth on the Pueblo de Cochiti in Sandoval County, New Mexico, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Pueblo de Cochiti is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

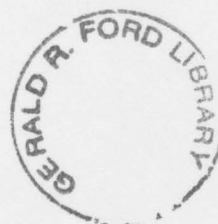
The community center will serve as a multi-purpose facility for the Cochiti tribe. Tribal leaders state that the center will function as the headquarters for adult and vocational training classes. It also will house the governor's office and administrative units of the tribe.

They anticipate that job-training classes will help to increase the skills of workers and serve as an inducement to industry to locate on the pueblo lands.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project.

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EDA GRANT TO HELP
CREATE JOBS, INCOMES
AT RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Approval of a \$164,800 grant to help create immediate jobs for unemployed construction workers in Pennington County, South Dakota, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The funds will be used to construct streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters and provide lighting in the Sioux Addition, a predominantly Indian community adjacent to Rapid City.

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

Construction is expected to be completed in a year. County officials estimated that 34 persons from the area will be employed on the project.

Pennington County will provide \$41,200 to complete the \$206,000 total project cost.

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QUILEUTE RESERVATION
OF WASHINGTON GETS EDA
GRANT TO AID GROWTH

Approval of a \$197,900 grant to help stimulate diversified, long-range economic growth and create jobs on the Quileute Indian Reservation in Washington was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Quileute Indian Tribe, with headquarters at La Push, is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The tribe will use the grant to help install a sewer system at La Push. In addition to replacing septic tanks in residential areas, the project will serve camping areas and help foster growth of the reservation's tourist industry.

Tribal officials are installing the sewer system, including treatment facilities, in connection with the reservation's overall economic development program. The aim of the program is to create new jobs and improve community facilities for tribal members.

The Quileute Indian Tribe will provide \$1,183,400 from other sources to complete the \$1,381,300 total cost of the project.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
FOR JOB PROGRAM IN
COASTAL MAINE AREA

Approval of a \$74,680 grant to help conduct a program to stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs in the Bar Harbor area of Maine was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Coastal Resource Center, Inc., 103 Eden Street, Bar Harbor, is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce. The center is an affiliate of the College of the Atlantic.

The grant will be used to help finance a work-education and productivity program at the center. The aim of the program is to foster comprehensive community development on Mt. Desert Island.

The center will link students, staff and community officials in providing technical assistance to help solve problems blocking growth in the isolated communities of Mt. Desert Island.

It also will enlist non-college youths in planning and carrying out projects to encourage community and economic development. Special emphasis will be placed on establishing working relationships between industry and community governments.

In addition to its staff, the center will recruit talent from the University of Maine, the Eastern Maine Economic Development District, the East Coast Heritage Trust and other groups with expertise that can be used to help solve the economic problems of the coastal communities.

Coastal Resource Center, Inc., will provide \$28,500 to complete the \$103,180 total cost of the program for a year.

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NAMBE PUEBLO
OF NEW MEXICO
GETS EDA GRANT

Approval of a \$150,000 grant to help stimulate economic growth on the Nambe Indian Pueblo in Santa Fe County, New Mexico, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The funds will be used to construct a 3,000-square-foot addition to an existing community center.

The expanded facilities will allow the pueblo to offer job-training and community guidance programs leading to long-range economic growth and new jobs.

Pueblo officials anticipate that the project will result in new tourism improvements at the scenic Nambe Creek and Falls on the reservation.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project.

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MALVERN, ARKANSAS
GETS EDA GRANT
TO AID JOB GROWTH

Approval of an \$867,600 grant to help stimulate long-range industrial growth and to create jobs in Hot Spring County, Arkansas, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The funds will be used to help enlarge the municipal water system to serve a minority and low-income community and to encourage industry to locate plants in the city.

Officials report that the project will provide a supply of water sufficient to serve two county-owned industrial parks, a proposed hospital and a nursing home.

Featherlite Manufacturing Company has announced plans to locate a plant in Malvern upon completion of the project. The company plans to hire 50 persons.

The project is included in the long-range plans of the West Central Arkansas Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to create jobs.

The City of Malvern will add \$578,400 to complete the \$1,446,000 total project cost. The EDA grant includes a \$144,600 bonus because Malvern and Hot Spring County are participating in the planning efforts of the West Central Arkansas District.

The city will use the funds to construct additional pumping and treatment facilities, water lines and an elevated storage tank.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO ENCOURAGE JOB GROWTH
AT BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

Approval of a \$787,000 grant to help stimulate diversified economic growth and create jobs in south central West Virginia was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Raleigh County Airport Authority is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to help construct a terminal building at the Raleigh County Airport near Beckley.

Raleigh County is expanding its airport in connection with the region's overall economic development program aimed at creating year-round jobs through diversified industrial growth.

Airport authority officials also anticipate that the terminal building will help the area participate in industrial and commercial growth related to the development of Interstate Highways 77 and 64 and Industrial Highway L of the Appalachia Corridor System.

The project also is expected to stimulate commercial activity in connection with expanded coal-mining in the Beckley area.

The Raleigh County Airport Authority will match the EDA grant to complete the \$1,574,000 total cost of the project, which will include parking lots and landscaping.

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NEW MEXICO PUEBLO
GETS EDA GRANT
TO SPUR GROWTH

Approval of a \$51,000 grant to help encourage commercial and business growth to create jobs on the Picuris Pueblo in New Mexico was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Picuris Pueblo, located in Taos County, New Mexico, will use the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce to develop overnight camping and recreation facilities.

Pueblo officials report that the facilities will help to attract tourists and stimulate the growth of service industries.

New jobs are needed by the Pueblo for unemployed members of the tribe who make up about 60 percent of the total workforce.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project.

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POJOAQUE PUEBLO
OF NEW MEXICO
GETS EDA GRANT

Approval of a \$92,000 grant to encourage the growth of business and industry on the Pojoaque Pueblo in New Mexico was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Pojoaque Pueblo, with offices at Route 1, Santa Fe, is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to expand an existing community center and to provide access roads for an industrial-commercial park.

Pueblo leaders report that the increased office space at the community center will accommodate additional job-training and community service programs in keeping with long-range plans to attract industry.

Access roads to the industrial-commercial park are expected to serve as an inducement to develop new job-generating industry.

Jobs are needed for the estimated 11 percent of the labor force which is unemployed, tribal officials report.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project.

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SANTA ANA PUEBLO
OF NEW MEXICO
GETS EDA JOB GRANT

Approval of a \$172,000 grant to stimulate community development and long-range economic growth on the Pueblo of Santa Ana in Sandoval County, New Mexico, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Pueblo of Santa Ana will use the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, to construct a community center building and provide water system improvements.

The center will enable the pueblo to provide job training and vocational classes to tribal members entering the workforce. It also will house community medical and planning activities for economic growth.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project.

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NEW MEXICO
INDIAN PUEBLO
GETS EDA GRANT

Approval of a \$102,000 grant to help prepare for orderly long-range economic growth to create jobs on the Tesuque Pueblo in New Mexico was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Tesuque Pueblo, located in Santa Fe County, will use the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, for a multi-purpose community center building.

The facility will provide a central services building for the pueblo. Officials report that it will provide space needed for classes in vocational training and adult education.

It also will enable the pueblo to conduct family services and basic information classes in economic development.

New jobs are needed on the pueblo to help reduce an unemployment rate that exceeds 20 percent.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the community center.

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NEW MEXICO PUEBLO
GETS EDA GRANT FOR
COMMUNITY CENTER

Approval of a \$152,000 grant to help encourage economic growth on the Pueblo of Jemez in Sandoval County, New Mexico, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Jemez Pueblo will use the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, to construct a community center and to expand facilities at a public fishing area.

Tribal officials report that the community center will provide the facilities to conduct job-training and adult-education classes. The training is essential to long-range commercial and industrial growth on the pueblo, they add.

Expansion of the Holy Ghost fishing area will enable the tribe to plan for additional tourist activities and development of new jobs.

Jobs are needed for unemployed members of the tribe, who number about 40 percent of the work force.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project.

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WHITE HOUSE AIDE
TO ADDRESS
EDA INDIAN PLANNERS

Dr. Theodore C. Marrs, Special Assistant to President Ford, will be the principal speaker at the Sixth American Indian Planners Seminar to be held May 5-7 at El Paso, Texas, Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, announced today.

The seminar will be sponsored by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, and is to be attended by an estimated 150 planners representing more than 200 Indian Reservations and Alaskan Native Villages.

Dr. Marrs, who is in charge of liaison between the White House and major non-governmental community and professional organizations, will speak to the planners on national planning for specialized groups.

His specific interests and responsibility in the White House lie in the areas of military and veterans groups, medical and health groups, educational groups and associations, groups of aging and retired persons, and heritage groups.

Through his office, Dr. Marrs explains, citizens have a definite impact on policy in the executive branch.

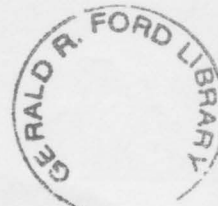
"We deal primarily with the people through associations," Dr. Marrs adds in summing up this many-faceted position.

D. Jeff Cahill, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, will also address the Indian planners.

During the three-day seminar, the planners will attend workshops on resource development, community and industrial development, techniques of planning and grant management.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO AID JOB PROGRAM
AT REEDSPORT, OREGON

Approval of a \$301,800 grant to help stimulate diversified industrial growth and create jobs in Douglas County, Oregon, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The grant will be used to help develop an industrial area in the City of Reedsport.

Port officials are developing the industrial area to provide sites for firms seeking locations for new plants and to encourage existing firms to expand operations.

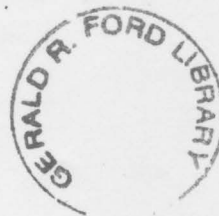
New industry is needed to diversify the area's economy, based on forest products, and to combat high unemployment, port officials said. They report two firms, Reedsport Concrete Products Company and Umpqua Marine Ways, will build plants to manufacture cement tile and boasts in the industrial area.

The Port of Umpqua will provide \$201,200 to complete the \$503,000 total cost of the project. The EDA grant includes a \$50,300 bonus because Reedsport and Douglas County are participating in the planning program of the CCD Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to create jobs through development of local resources.

The funds will enable the port to construct an access road, renovate a dock and extend water and sewer lines to the industrial area.

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HESSTON, KANSAS, GETS
EDA, OZARKS COMMISSION
GRANTS TO AID JOB GROWTH

Approval of grants totaling \$524,500 to help stimulate industrial growth and create jobs in Harvey County, Kansas, was announced today by the Ozarks Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Hesston applied for the Federal funds to help enlarge the community's water system.

Hesston officials said the project will provide water for industrial growth and related commercial development.

As a member of the South Central Kansas Economic Development District, Hesston is eligible for financial assistance for projects that will provide jobs for residents of areas of high unemployment. Hesston officials expect a large number of the jobs to be created when the increased supply of water becomes available to be filled by residents of Butler and Sedgwick counties.

The Ozarks Commission is making a \$186,000 grant for the project and the Economic Development Administration, a \$338,500 grant. The City of Hesston will provide \$152,500 to complete the \$677,000 total cost of the project.

The funds will enable the city to construct two wells and pumping facilities and to install additional water lines.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP PLAN GROWTH
IN INNER-CITY AREAS

Approval of a \$24,500 grant to help plan orderly growth and create jobs in inner-city areas was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Administration and Management Research Association of New York City, Inc., with headquarters at 250 Broadway, is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to help evaluate current trends of growth and development in central business districts of several major cities. In addition to reviewing experiences of the cities with growth problems, the study will deal with problems related to transportation, land use, employment, retail sales, energy and inflation.

Association officials said the research will enable planners to concentrate on areas requiring additional direction and assistance in order to create jobs for the unemployed and underemployed.

Consideration will be given to existing economic development programs in urban communities and to the activities of public and private groups.

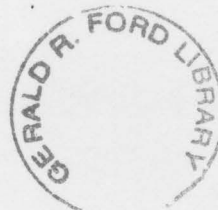
The Administration and Management Research Association of New York, Inc., will provide \$8,170 to meet the \$32,670 total cost of the study, which is expected to be completed within nine months.

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BALDWIN PARK, CALIFORNIA
GETS EDA GRANT TO HELP
BUILD INDUSTRIAL STREETS

Approval of a \$195,000 grant to help stimulate long-range industrial growth and create jobs in Baldwin Park, California, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

Baldwin Park will use the funds to help provide access roads and water and sewer service for an industrial area.

City officials anticipate that availability of the sites in the industrial area will encourage local firms to expand job-generating activities. They also anticipate that the project will help attract other firms seeking locations for new plants to Baldwin Park.

Baldwin Park is developing the industrial area in connection with the overall economic development program of Los Angeles County. The aim of the program is to create jobs for the unemployed and underemployed.

The City of Baldwin Park will provide \$224,000 to complete the \$419,000 total cost of the project.

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BRITTON, SOUTH DAKOTA
GETS EDA GRANT TO HELP
CREATE JOBS, INCREASE INCOMES

Approval of a \$248,400 grant to help stimulate long-range industrial growth in Marshall County, South Dakota, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Britton will use the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, for water system improvements to serve an industrial park.

The industrial area is being developed by the Britton Development Corporation in connection with the overall development program of the Fourth Economic Development District, a multi-county organization planning for coordinated growth in the area.

Job opportunities are needed for workers who have become unemployed by the mechanization of farming and for young people who in recent years have left the area to seek employment.

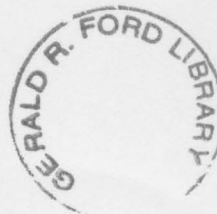
The new facilities will serve a new plant of Horton Industries, a light manufacturing company, which expects to hire 15 workers to begin production. The company anticipates that ultimately its work force will total about 100.

The project includes construction of a 150,000-gallon elevated water storage tank and installation of water mains from the existing city system to the industrial park.

The City of Britton will add \$165,600 in other funds to complete the \$414,000 total project cost. Included in the EDA grant is a \$41,400 bonus because Britton and Marshall County are participating in the programs of the Fourth Economic Development District.

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LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS
GETS EDA GRANT TO HELP
PLAN INDUSTRIAL GROWTH

Approval of an \$18,125 grant to help plan long-range industrial growth at Lawrence, Massachusetts, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, 11 Lawrence Street, is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The corporation will use the funds to help pay the costs of its program of planning for industrial and environmental development.

Corporation officials said a major deterrent to industrial growth is the lack of plant sites. The corporation will survey existing buildings -- including unoccupied mill complexes -- to determine possible re-use for industrial purposes.

The program also will include studies to help determine the type of facilities needed to make the community attractive to firms seeking new sites for plants.

The Economic Development and Industrial Corporation will provide \$26,770 to complete the \$44,895 total cost of the program for a year.

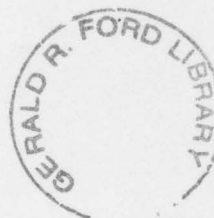
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MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA
GETS EDA GRANT
TO AID JOB PROGRAM

Approval of a \$348,000 grant to help stimulate diversified economic growth and create jobs in Morton County, North Dakota, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

Mandan will use the grant to help develop an industrial park in connection with the overall economic development program of the Lewis & Clark 1805 Economic Development District. The multi-county district organization is working to overcome regional problems blocking growth and to create jobs for the unemployed and underemployed.

The industrial park is in the Bismarck-Mandan growth center of the district.

Mandan officials said the industrial park will provide sites to encourage local firms to expand operations and to encourage firms seeking locations for new plants to establish operations in the community.

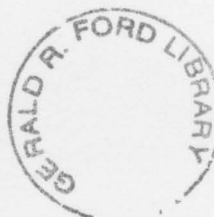
The City of Mandan will match the EDA grant to complete the \$696,000 total cost of the project, which includes access roads and water and sewer lines.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO AID JOB PROGRAM
AT RESERVE, LOUISIANA

Approval of a \$450,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs in south central Louisiana, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The St. John the Baptist Parish Police Jury, based at Edgard, is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The police jury will use the grant to help construct an access road and water and sewer facilities at Reserve to serve an industrial area and the site of the Tri-Parish Vocational-Technical School.

Police jury officials said availability of industrial sites will help the area participate in growth anticipated in connection with the development of Interstate Highway 10.

The vocational-technical school and the industrial area are being developed as part of the long-range planning program of the South Central Louisiana Economic Development District. The multi-parish district organization is working to create jobs through the development of local resources.

The St. John the Baptist Parish Police Jury will provide \$300,000 to complete the \$750,000 total cost of the project. The EDA grant includes a \$75,000 bonus because the parish is participating in the program of the South Central District.

The Tri-Parish School will serve students from St. Charles, St. James and St. John the Baptist parishes.

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SENECA NATION GETS
EDA GRANT TO HELP PLAN
JOB GROWTH IN NEW YORK

Approval of a \$17,000 grant to help conduct a program of planning for long-range economic growth and new jobs on the Allegany and Cattaraugus Indian reservations in New York was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Seneca Nation of Indians, with headquarters at Salamanca, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

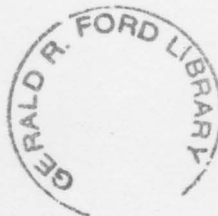
The Seneca Nation will use the funds to pay administrative costs of an economic development planning staff. The staff will conduct research and assist tribal leaders in planning and carrying out projects to create jobs and increase incomes.

Seneca officials said the tribe's overall economic development program will be coordinated with activities of other local, State and Federal agencies working to stimulate economic growth in the area.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the program through June 30, 1975.

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STOCKYARDS AREA OF
FORT WORTH, TEXAS
DESIGNATED FOR JOB AID

The stockyards of Fort Worth, Texas, today became eligible for additional Federal benefits to help plan and carry out projects to create new jobs, it was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The designation makes the area eligible for the full range of benefits provided by EDA under provisions of the Public Works and Economic Development Act to help create new jobs.

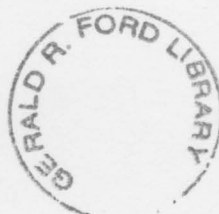
EDA provides grants and loans to help build public facilities essential to long-range economic growth, financial assistance to encourage private enterprise to expand and create new jobs, and planning and technical assistance to help solve problems blocking growth.

Prior to today's action, the stockyards area was eligible for EDA public works grants to help create immediate jobs for the unemployed in the construction of useful public facilities.

The Special Impact Area designated today consists of the portion of Fort Worth included within U. S. Census Tracts 03 and 09 and that portion of Census Tract 2.02 located south of N. E. 28th Street and west of Decatur and Samuels Avenue. It includes the stockyards and the Armour and Swift Packing plants, which have been closed.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP MASSACHUSETTS
PLAN RE-USE OF BASES

Approval of a \$51,699 grant to help continue a program of planning the re-use of former military facilities to help create jobs in Massachusetts was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will use the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, to help pay costs of the Joint Commission on Federal Base Conversion.

EDA approved the grant in cooperation with the President's Economic Adjustment Committee, which is working with communities and personnel affected by cutbacks in military activities.

The joint commission is working with community and State agencies in planning and carrying out projects to create jobs through re-use of facilities at the Boston Navy Yard, Chelsea Naval Hospital, Westover Air Force Base and Otis Air Force Base.

Special emphasis is being placed on the identification of economic development opportunities and legal problems related to the conversion of the bases to productive civilian activities.

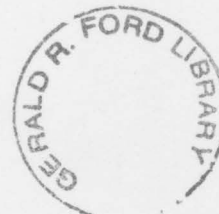
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts will provide \$17,233 to complete the \$68,932 total cost of continuing the program through September 30.

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RIO DELL, CALIFORNIA
GETS EDA GRANT
TO STIMULATE GROWTH

Approval of a \$234,000 grant to help create immediate construction jobs for unemployed and underemployed workers in Humboldt County, California, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The funds will be used to construct a municipal hall to provide office space for the city council, city administrator, city clerk, planning commission and the public works, building and police departments.

The grant was approved under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act which authorizes funds for useful public projects in areas of high unemployment.

Construction is expected to be completed in a year. City officials estimate that 15 persons from the area will be employed on the project.

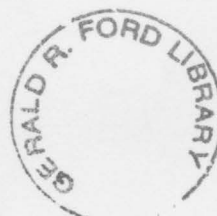
The City of Rio Dell will add \$26,000 to complete the \$260,000 total project cost.

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SKOWHEGAN, MAINE
GETS EDA GRANT
TO AID JOB GROWTH

Approval of a \$131,600 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs in Somerset County, Maine, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

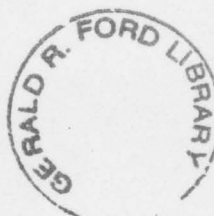
Skowhegan will use the funds to help develop an industrial park in connection with Somerset County's overall economic development program. The aim of the program is to create jobs to combat high unemployment and underemployment.

Skowhegan officials anticipate that the availability of industrial sites and the availability of a pool of skilled labor trained at a regional vocational school will encourage firms seeking locations for new plants to establish operations in the community.

The Town of Skowhegan will provide \$56,400 to complete the \$188,000 total cost of the project. The funds will enable the town to install water and sewer lines and construct access roads for the industrial park.

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EDA GRANT TO HELP
BUILD COMMUNITY CENTER
FOR NEW MEXICO RESERVATION

Approval of an \$188,000 grant to help prepare for long-range economic growth on a New Mexico section of the Navajo Indian Reservation was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Navajo Tribe of Indians, Window Rock, Arizona, is the applicant for the Federal grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

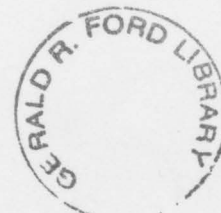
The funds will be used to construct a community center for the Canoncito Navajo Community, located in Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

The center will provide space for adult education and for planning activities to prepare for long-range growth on the Navajo lands.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project.

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CHINOOK, MONTANA
GETS EDA GRANT
TO AID JOB PROGRAM

Approval of a \$304,800 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs in Blaine County, Montana, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Chinook 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 new water-treatment plant.

Chinook is undertaking the project in connection with the overall economic development program of Blaine County. The aim of the program is to create new jobs to combat high unemployment and out-migration of young people.

Chinook officials report that efforts to encourage commercial and industrial growth in the community have been hampered because of the community's need for a new water-treatment plant.

The City of Chinook will provide \$203,200 to complete the \$508,000 total cost of the project. The EDA grant includes a \$50,800 bonus because Chinook and Blaine County are participating in the long-range planning program of the multi-county Bear Paw Economic Development District.

The district organization is working to create new jobs through the use of local resources.

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COOS BAY, OREGON
GETS EDA GRANT
FOR ACCESS ROAD

Approval of a \$216,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs in Coos County, Oregon, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The funds will be used to help complete Thompson Road to provide a safer access road to Bay Area Hospital and the site of a proposed regional health-care complex.

Coos Bay officials said establishment of the health-care center will help the community diversify its economic base, and create job opportunities in medical service careers.

Coos Bay is developing the medical center in connection with the overall economic development program of the CCD Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to create new jobs through the utilization of local resources.

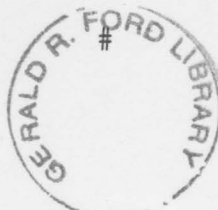
As a growth center for the district, Coos Bay is planning and carrying out projects to help provide jobs and services for residents of the district.

The City of Coos Bay will provide \$144,000 to complete the \$360,000 total cost of the road project. The EDA grant includes a \$36,000 bonus because Coos Bay and Coos County are participating in the long-range planning program of the CCD District.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP NEW YORK FIRM
TEST OYSTER SHUCKER

Approval of a \$49,830 grant to help continue the testing of an oyster-shucking machine and encourage long-range economic growth in the seafood industry was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Marine Culture Systems, Inc., 13 Lloyd Haven Drive, Huntington, New York, is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to complete an in-plant demonstration of a prototype machine that opens oysters through a heat process.

Development of the machine is expected to create jobs and boost incomes for oyster fishermen. Production of the shucking-machine would create additional jobs.

The EDA grant provides that Marine Culture Systems, Inc., repay the costs of the project if it leads to successful production of the shucking machine.

Availability of the machine also would lead to reduced market prices of the shellfish, the applicant said.

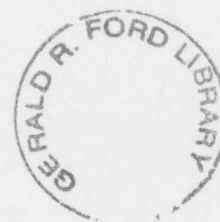
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WASHINGTON TRIBE
GETS EDA GRANT
TO CREATE JOBS

Approval of a \$958,000 grant to help stimulate the growth of tourism and create jobs on the Makah Indian Reservation in Washington was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Makah Indian Tribe at Neah Bay applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to construct a cultural and research center to help study and display artifacts recording the history of the tribe at Neah Bay. Tribal leaders report that archeological relics and artifacts that have been recovered can be preserved and displayed in the center.

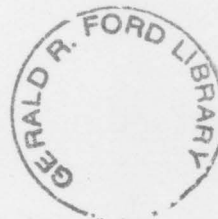
They add that the new facility will help to increase the number of tourists that visit the reservation annually. The tribe operates fishing marinas, restaurants and motels during the sport fishing season.

They estimate that 20 new jobs will be created through increased tourism and public attendance at the museum.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project.

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COOS COUNTY, OREGON
GETS EDA GRANT TO HELP
PLAN DIVERSIFIED GROWTH

Approval of a \$15,000 grant to help continue a study of developing coal deposits to stimulate diversified economic growth in Coos County, Oregon, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

County officials said geological surveys indicate that the area has vast coal reserves that could help diversify the region's forest-products based economy and create jobs.

The EDA grant will be used to help conduct studies to consider economic and environmental impacts of various types of extracting and processing industries and potential locations for the establishment of plants to use the county's coal.

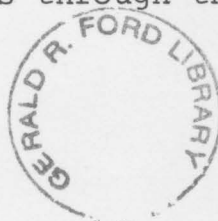
The project also will consider investments in public facilities such as roads and waste-disposal facilities that would be required for the development of the coal reserves.

Coos County will provide \$5,000 to complete the \$20,000 total cost of the project, which is expected to be completed in nine months.

Coos County is considering the development of coal reserves in connection with the long-range planning program of the CCD Economic Development District. The multi-county district organization is working to create new jobs through the development of local resources.

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EDA GRANT TO HELP
STIMULATE GROWTH
AT MAHNOMEN, MINNESOTA

Approval of a \$350,000 grant to help provide immediate construction jobs for unemployed and underemployed workers at Mahnomen, Minnesota, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The funds will be used to renovate and expand the County Courthouse and jail.

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

Local officials report that 74 workers from Mahnomen County will be hired for the project, on which work is to begin within 90 days and be completed in a year.

Mahnomen County will add \$358,000 to complete the \$708,000 total project cost.

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METLAKATLA INDIANS
OF ALASKA
GET EDA JOB GRANT

Approval of a \$319,000 grant to provide facilities which are necessary for long-range economic growth for the Metlakatla Indian Community in Alaska was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Metlakatla Indian Community will use the Federal grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, to construct a Social and Health Services Complex.

Community leaders report that the complex will be composed of three modular units serving as a medical clinic, a senior citizens center and administrative space for the Office of Native American Programs.

They anticipate that the project will permit the community to participate in the programs of the U. S. Public Health Service and to prepare Indian families for long-range economic growth.

The development is included in the overall economic growth plans of the area to construct the facilities that are necessary to attract industry and jobs for unemployed workers.

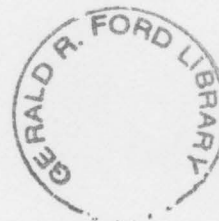
The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project.

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EDA LOAN TO HELP
CREATE 254 JOBS
AT PEARLINGTON, MISSISSIPPI

Approval of a \$1,733,300 loan to help expand a marine barge building facility and create 254 jobs in Hancock County, Mississippi, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Jackson Landing Shipyard, Inc., located in the Port Bienville Industrial Park at Pearlington, is the applicant for the loan from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to construct two additional ways, allowing for increased construction of steel barges used by the petroleum industry.

They add that the additional work will enable the company to hire 254 workers, bringing the total complement at the shipyard to 319. They estimate that nearly 100 workers will come from among unemployed members of minority groups.

A \$1,213,310 bank loan has been arranged for the project. The Hancock Development Corporation will provide \$173,330 and the Jackson Landing Shipyard, Inc., will invest \$346,660 to complete the \$3,466,600 total cost of the new construction. The EDA loan is repayable in 15 years at a 7-3/4 percent annual rate of interest.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO AID JOB PROGRAM
AT MERIDIAN, IDAHO

Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, today announced approval of a \$1,445,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs in Ada County, Idaho.

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

Meridian will use the funds to help enlarge the community's water and sewer systems.

Meridian is enlarging the community facilities in connection with the overall economic development program of the Ida-Ore Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to create jobs through the development of local resources.

Meridian is in the Treasure Valley growth center of the district. As a part of the growth center, Meridian is planning and carrying out projects to help create jobs and provide services for residents of economically lagging areas of the district.

The project will serve a new regional mental health care center. It will enable the Meridian area to participate in industrial and commercial growth anticipated along Interstate Highway 80-N, local officials said.

The City of Meridian will match the EDA grant to complete the \$2,890,000 total cost of the project, including new wells and water storage facilities and additional water and sewer lines.

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CONNECTICUT AND VERMONT
AREAS DESIGNATED FOR
FEDERAL JOB PROGRAM

The Middletown area of Connecticut and the St. Johnsbury area of Vermont have become eligible for Federal financial assistance for projects to help create new jobs, it was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The two areas were designated as redevelopment areas by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Mizell said the designations were based on high unemployment.

The Middletown redevelopment area consists of Middlesex County and the Town of Marlborough in Hartford County.

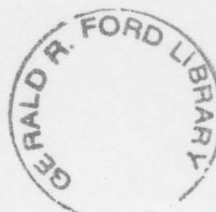
The St. Johnsbury redevelopment area consists of the Towns of Concord, East Haven, Granby, Guildhall, Lunenburg, Maidstone and Victory, all in Essex County, and all of Caledonia County except the Towns of Groton and Ryegate.

Redevelopment areas are eligible for the full range of benefits from the Economic Development Administration under provisions of the Public Works and Economic Development Act. These include grants and loans to help build public facilities essential to long-range economic growth, financial assistance to encourage private enterprise to expand and create new jobs and planning and technical assistance to help solve problems blocking growth.

EDA makes grants for projects such as industrial parks, job-training centers, access roads and water and sewer facilities essential to industrial and commercial growth.

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NEVADA TRIBE
GETS EDA GRANT
FOR JOB GROWTH

Approval of a \$200,000 grant to help stimulate the growth of tourism and create jobs on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation of Nevada was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, with offices at Owyhee, are the applicants for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

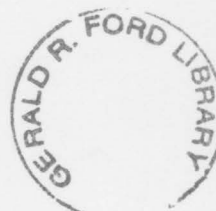
The funds will be used to improve and expand tourist facilities at the Sheep Creek Reservoir as a means of attracting additional sport fishermen and overnight campers.

The improvements are expected to stimulate long-range economic growth on the reservation and provide jobs for unemployed workers. Tribal officials anticipate that increased tourism on the reservation will help to attract additional service establishments.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project, which includes construction of a new spillway on the reservoir, grading and oiling of roads, and construction of camp sites, shelters and related tourist facilities.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP SPUR GROWTH IN
ELK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Approval of a \$471,000 grant to help stimulate diversified economic growth and create jobs in Elk County, Pennsylvania, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Benzinger Township Authority is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The authority will use the funds to help enlarge the sewer system serving St. Marys Borough and Benzinger Township. The project will consist of the installation of a sewer line from the waste-treatment plant in the Borough of St. Marys to a county-owned industrial area in Benzinger Township.

In addition to serving the industrial area, the project will serve several areas not now receiving sewer service.

Local officials report that efforts to expand the community's industrial base and create jobs have been hampered in the past because of a lack of sewer service.

The Benzinger Township Authority will provide \$314,000 to complete the \$785,000 total cost of the project. The EDA grant includes a \$78,500 bonus because St. Marys and Elk County are members of the multi-county North Central Pennsylvania Economic Development District.

As an EDA-designated growth center for the district, the St. Marys community is planning and carrying out projects to help provide jobs for the unemployed and underemployed.

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IDAHO TRIBES
GET EDA GRANT
TO CREATE JOBS

Approval of a \$416,000 grant to help create jobs on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation in Idaho was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation are the applicants for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The tribes will use the funds to improve livestock growing and marketing on the reservation. The project includes development of water and sewer systems, fences and restoration of grazing resources on four feeding ranges.

The project also includes construction of a multi-purpose livestock facility, including office space, scales, loading ramps, animal chute and pens for marketing.

It is anticipated that the improvements will enable the tribes to improve their cattle herds and create jobs for the unemployed.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project.

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EDA, OZARKS COMMISSION
APPROVE GRANTS FOR
McALESTER, OKLAHOMA

Approval of grants totaling \$133,600 to help develop an industrial park in McAlester, Oklahoma, was announced today by the Ozarks Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The McAlester Foundation is the applicant for the Federal grants.

The non-profit foundation is developing the industrial park in connection with the overall economic development program of the multi-county Kiamichi Economic Development District. McAlester is the EDA-designated growth center for the district.

The district organization is working to create jobs to combat high unemployment related to cutbacks at the naval ammunition depot.

Foundation officials anticipate that the industrial park will encourage local firms to expand operations and help make the community attractive to firms seeking locations for new plants.

The Economic Development Administration is making a \$102,600 grant for the project and the Ozarks Regional Commission, a \$31,000 grant. The McAlester Foundation will provide \$37,400 to complete the \$171,000 total cost of the project.

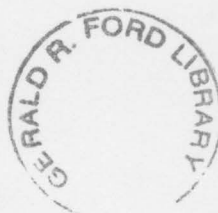
The funds will enable the foundation to construct access roads and water and sewer lines for the industrial park, to be located north of Monroe Avenue and west of the Lockheed Plant.

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EDA GUARANTEES LOAN
TO HELP PLANT IN MAINE
CONTINUE OPERATIONS

Approval of the guaranty of a \$350,000 working capital loan to help a Guilford, Maine, plant employing 160 persons continue operations was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

In addition to the 160 persons currently employed at the plant, Guilford Industries anticipates that the working capital loan will enable the firm to hire an additional 88 persons.

The firm manufactures synthetic yarn and woven and knitted fabric. It was forced to cutback operations and employment following a sharp decline in orders from the textile industry in 1974.

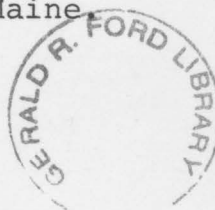
Guilford is in the Dover-Foxcroft Labor Market Area, designated for EDA financial assistance because of high unemployment related to the loss of manufacturing jobs during the last two years.

EDA approved the working capital guaranty under a 1974 amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing funds to help businesses maintain operations in areas of high unemployment.

By today's action, EDA guarantees 90 percent of the unpaid balance of a 42-month loan extended to Guilford Industries, Inc., by Merrill Trust Company of Bangor, Maine.

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OREGON RESERVATION
GETS EDA GRANT
TO AID JOB PROGRAM

Approval of a \$394,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs on the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Oregon was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation of Oregon, with headquarters at Pendleton, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The tribal council will use the funds to develop a recreation area at Indian Lake on the southern end of the reservation.

The project involves installation of water and sewer lines, construction of access roads and an administration building. It will provide facilities for camping and boat launching.

Tribal officials are developing the Indian Lake area as the first-phase of a long-range program to establish a major recreation and tourism industry. The aim of the program is to create jobs and increase incomes for tribal members.

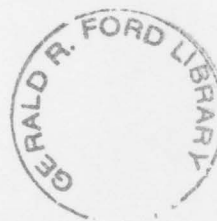
The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project.

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SOUTH DAKOTA TRIBE
GETS EDA GRANT
TO CREATE JOBS

Approval of a \$500,000 grant to help provide facilities that will attract industry and create jobs on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

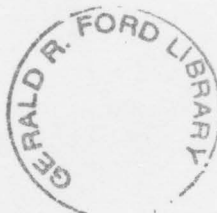
The funds will be used for a new rodeo and pow-wow fairgrounds, including construction of a grandstand and access and service roads, and for paving of streets in the community of Pine Ridge.

Tribal officials anticipate that the improvements will help to attract industry and tourists to the reservation. They add that jobs for unemployed workers will be created by the increased activity.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project.

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COUNTIES IN 7 STATES
BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR
FEDERAL JOB PROGRAM

Eight counties in seven states have become eligible for Federal financial assistance in planning and carrying out projects to help create new jobs, it was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The counties were designated as redevelopment areas by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Counties included in today's action are Lincoln, Idaho; Delaware, Indiana; Berrien, Michigan; Freeborn, Minnesota; Scotland, Missouri; Griggs, North Dakota; and Mahoning and Trumbull, both in Ohio.

The designations are based on high unemployment. As redevelopment areas, the eight counties are 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.

-- Financial assistance to help private enterprise expand and establish new job-generating activities.

-- Technical assistance and planning grants to help solve problems blocking growth.

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Prior to today's designation, the eight counties prepared overall economic development programs -- a listing of their resources and needs. The OEDP is used in setting priorities for growth. Projects receiving EDA financial assistance must be consistent with the area's OEDP.

EDA makes grants for projects such as industrial parks, access roads, job-training centers and water and sewer lines needed for industrial and commercial growth.

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PISCATAQUIS COUNTY, MAINE
GETS EDA GRANT TO HELP
CONDUCT JOB STUDY

Approval of a \$26,000 grant to help study the feasibility of expanding the forest-products industry to create jobs in Piscataquis County, Maine, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Piscataquis County Commissioners, with offices at Dover-Foxcroft, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Piscataquis County is working to create new job opportunities through greater use of the area's forest resources.

Local officials said the study will consider the establishment of an integrated forest-products manufacturing operation.

The county is working with the Eastern Maine Economic Development District in planning and carrying out programs to help stimulate long-range growth and create new jobs through the utilization of local resources.

Piscataquis County will provide \$8,667 to complete the \$34,667 total cost of the project, which is expected to be completed within 12 months.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
FOR COMMUNITY CENTER
ON WASHINGTON RESERVATION

Approval of a \$250,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth on the Quinault Indian Reservation in Washington was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Quinault Indian Nation, P. O. Box 1188, Tahola, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The grant will be used to construct a community center in the village of Queets.

Tribal officials said the center will encourage community development on the reservation and provide space to conduct tribal meetings and other business activities. The center also will include facilities for educational and recreational programs.

In addition to serving the residents of Queets, the center will be open to residents of various villages from the northern portion of the reservation.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the center, which will be constructed as a modern version of the traditional west coast Indian longhouse.

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EDA, OZARKS COMMISSION
APPROVE GRANTS FOR
DEWEY, OKLAHOMA

Approval of grants totaling \$133,250 to help create new jobs in Washington County, Oklahoma, was announced today by the Ozarks Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Dewey applied for the Federal funds to help enlarge the community's water system.

The project will serve an industrial park where expansion has been curbed because of a limited water supply, Dewey officials said.

It is expected to encourage three firms -- the Dutron Corporation, Chevally Mayflower and Central State Business Forms -- to expand operations in the industrial park and to encourage other firms seeking locations for new plants to establish operations in the park.

Dewey is qualified for the EDA financial assistance because it is in the Bartlesville-Dewey growth center of the Northeast Counties of Oklahoma Economic Development District. The multi-county district organization is working to create new jobs through the utilization of local resources.

Bartlesville and Dewey are carrying out projects to help provide services and create jobs for residents of the district.

The Economic Development Administration is making a \$102,500 grant for the project and the Ozarks Commission, \$30,750. The City of Dewey will provide \$71,750 to complete the \$205,000 total cost of increasing the water supply for the industrial park.

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TUOLUMNE RANCHERIA
OF CALIFORNIA GETS
EDA GRANT FOR CENTER

Approval of a \$133,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth on the Tuolumne Indian Rancheria in California was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to construct a tribal community center on the rancheria near Tuolumne.

Tribal officials said the center will provide offices for the community and facilities for educational and recreational programs.

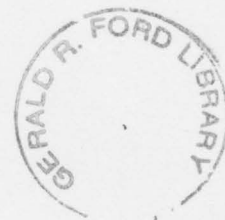
The EDA grant will meet the full cost of the community center.

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MADERA, CALIFORNIA
GETS EDA GRANT
TO AID JOB GROWTH

Approval of a \$439,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs in Madera County, California, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The funds will be used to help extend sewer lines from the city to the airport. Madera officials said the project will serve industrial and commercial areas.

It will provide facilities to encourage existing firms to expand operations and to make the area attractive to other firms seeking locations for businesses, especially in the recreation-tourism field.

The City of Madera will match the EDA grant to complete the \$878,000 total cost of the project.

Madera is undertaking the project in connection with the area's overall economic development program aimed at creating new jobs. City officials report efforts to expand industrial and commercial activities have been impeded because of a lack of sewer facilities in the north and northeast sections of the community to be served by the project.

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OCONTO FALLS, WISCONSIN
GETS EDA, UPPER GREAT LAKES
FUNDS FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK

Approval of grants totaling \$494,500 to help develop an industrial park in Oconto 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 Oconto Falls is the applicant for the Federal grants.

Oconto Falls is undertaking the project in connection with the area's overall economic development program -- aimed at creating new jobs through diversified growth.

City officials anticipate that availability of industrial sites will encourage local firms to expand operations. The industrial park also is expected to encourage firms seeking locations for new plants to establish operations in the community.

The Economic Development Administration is making a \$394,500 grant for the project and the Upper Great Lakes Commission, \$100,000. The City of Oconto Falls will provide \$294,500 to complete the \$789,000 total cost.

The funds will enable Oconto Falls to construct water-storage facilities and streets and extend water and sewer service to the city-owned industrial park.

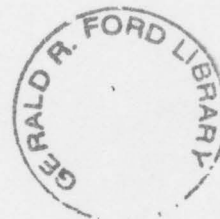
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CHEYENNE TRIBE
OF MONTANA
GETS EDA GRANT

Approval of a \$550,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Montana was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, will go to the Northern Cheyenne Tribe at Lane Deer.

The funds will be used to construct additions to the tribal office and industrial complex at Lane Deer to enable the tribe to expand its planning and administrative activities.

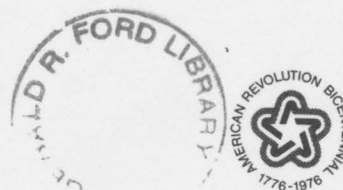
The facilities will be used by tribal leaders who are conducting the overall development program for the reservation.

The tribe is working to improve housing and to establish facilities needed to attract visitors and tourists.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project.

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NEBRASKA TRIBE
GETS EDA GRANT FOR
COMMUNITY CENTER

Approval of a \$576,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth on the Omaha Reservation in Nebraska was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, with headquarters at Macy, is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The tribe will use the funds to build a community center to house tribal offices and provide space for classes in job training and community development. The tribe reports that the center is essential to its long-range plans to stimulate growth and to provide jobs for the unemployed workers.

A garage and maintenance area and an outdoor athletic field are included in the project, which is designed to increase community awareness and interest.

New jobs are needed by the tribe for long-term unemployed workers and for graduates of local schools who are entering the labor market. Tribal officials report many employed members must travel long distances to their jobs off the reservation.

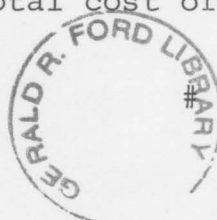
The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the community center.

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LA GRANGE, GEORGIA
GETS EDA GRANT
FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK

Approval of a \$444,000 grant to help stimulate diversified industrial growth and create jobs in Troup County, Georgia, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The funds will be used to help enlarge an industrial park being developed by the Industrial Development Authority of La Grange.

La Grange is undertaking the project in connection with the overall economic development program of the Chattahoochee-Flint Economic Development District. As a growth center for the multi-county district, La Grange is planning and carrying out projects to help provide jobs and services for residents of economically lagging areas.

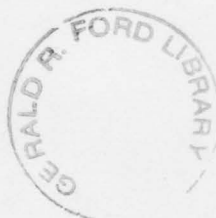
La Grange officials anticipate that a large number of new jobs created in the industrial park will be filled by residents of Heard and Meriwether counties, where unemployment is high.

The City of La Grange will match the EDA grant to complete the \$888,000 total cost of the project, including access roads and water and sewer lines.

La Grange officials expect the availability of sites for industry to enable the community to participate in growth anticipated in connection with the development along Interstate Highway 85.

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EDA APPROVALS FOR
INDIANS, ALASKAN NATIVES
EXCEED \$200 MILLION

Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, announced today that assistance to Indian tribes and Alaskan Natives to stimulate long-range economic growth and to create jobs for the unemployed has passed the \$200-million mark.

The assistance has been extended since 1965 by the Economic Development Administration, the U. S. Commerce Department agency that seeks to aid tribes, reservations and local communities in overcoming long-term unemployment.

During the period, the Federal assistance has resulted in development of nearly 11,000 permanent new jobs and thousands of temporary jobs on construction projects, Mizell said.

The \$200-million mark was reached with the recent approval of a \$172,000 grant to construct a community and job-training center on the Pueblo of Santa Ana in New Mexico.

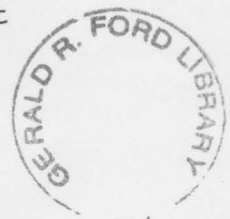
In making the EDA progress report, Mizell said:

"The Indian people are productive, but have lacked the economic opportunities necessary to develop the full potential of their reservations. This has resulted in high unemployment and underemployment for American Indians.

"Our program is designed to meet the needs and desires of the Indians for job and business opportunities. It is based on the participation and cooperation of all the Indian people in solving their own problems, in planning for orderly growth and in the use of local resources.

"Any success the Indian economic development program has enjoyed, and the future success of the program rests with the tribes," the Assistant Secretary added. "I am confident that we will see more Indians working in Indian plants on Indian reservations as the program continues."

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In carrying out its mission to assist Indian tribes, Alaskan Native villages and local communities in preparing for growth, EDA has approved expenditures for:

- 42 Indian industrial parks on 38 reservations, located in 15 states.
- 41 Indian tourism-recreation projects including 15 motel complexes and 15 Indian campgrounds.
- 63 Indian multi-purpose buildings and skill centers for which the agency has provided the total construction costs and 33 others in which EDA has participated in the construction costs with other Federal agencies.
- 5 Indian horticulture-aquaculture projects.
- 70 Indian planning grants which have provided planning assistance to 200 reservations, Alaskan Native villages, tribal groups and organizations. A total of 140 professional planners have been employed through the program, which is continuing.

The-EDA approved expenditures since 1965 are: \$166,919,851 to construct public facilities needed to attract industry, \$14,914,044 in loans to private enterprise to expand existing firms or to locate new plants on reservations; \$10,932,242 in grants to plan for long-range growth; and \$7,881,937 for technical assistance.

EDA has also approved assistance for organizations which conduct nationwide programs to aid Indian tribes. Among these groups are the American Indian Travel Commission, the American Indian Management Institute; the American Indian Industrial Development Intern Program; the American Indian National Bank; and the Indian Industrial Development Office.

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