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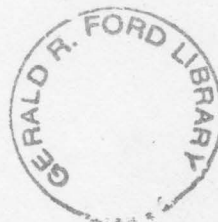
MEMORANDUM FOR Honorable Stanley S. Scott
Special Assistant to the
President for EEO and Civil Rights

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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SECRETARY MORTON
ANNOUNCES GRANT FOR
POINT PLEASANT, WEST VA.

Secretary of Commerce Rogers C. B. Morton today announced approval of a \$1,943,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs in Mason County, West Virginia.

The City of Point Pleasant applied for the funds from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to expand the city's existing water system, and to extend municipal water service to the site of a planned industrial park north of Point Pleasant. It will provide for orderly growth in the northern section of the city and adjacent areas in Mason County.

The enlarged water system will enable Point Pleasant firms to expand. It also will provide for increased fire protection.

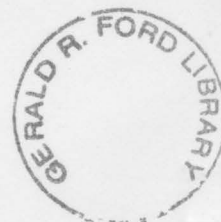
Point Pleasant is undertaking the water system project in connection with the overall economic development program of Mason County. The aim of the program is to create new jobs through diversified industrial growth.

Local officials report previous efforts to attract job-generating industry to the community have been hampered because of an inadequate municipal water supply.

The City of Point Pleasant will match the EDA grant to complete the \$3,886,000 total cost of the project. The funds will enable the city to construct four wells, a treatment plant, storage tank and additional water lines.

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FOR RELEASE: AFTER 3 P.M.,
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COMMERCE AGENCY WILL GUARANTEE
\$40 MILLION LOAN FOR SEATRIN
SHIPYARDS IN NEW YORK

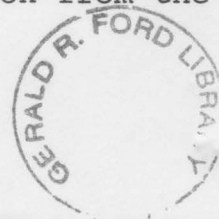
Acting Secretary of Commerce John K. Tabor today announced that the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration has agreed to guarantee a \$40 million loan to the Seatrain Shipbuilding Corporation in New York, along with a restructuring of Seatrain's current debt, to restore several thousand jobs and permit the firm to complete two tankers now under construction.

"Because of serious financial difficulties," Acting Secretary Tabor said, "the Seatrain Company was forced to furlough close to 3,100 workers at its facility in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Our action today will put a high percentage of these workers back to work.

"These workers are people who were formerly unskilled and through various Federal manpower programs became skilled craftsmen. I am delighted, and I am sure they are, that they will be going back to work, using their new skills, soon."

Tabor added that prior to leaving the country for trips to Japan and the Peoples' Republic of China, Secretary of Commerce Rogers C.B. Morton "had made the basic decision that the Department must take action to rectify this serious unemployment problem, in which minorities were particularly hard hit. He directed us to explore all possible avenues in seeking a solution. We worked diligently on this problem, as the Secretary directed, and received outstanding support and cooperation from the Congress."

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Tabor said the Economic Development Administration is prepared to guarantee 90 percent of a \$40 million working capital loan to be made by the Chase Manhattan Bank to complete the two large tankers, one of which is 80 percent completed. The other has had 35 percent of the work on it finished. To ease the shipbuilding firm's financial burden, Tabor explained that arrangements have been made for the Chase bank to retire an outstanding demand note of Seatrain's in the amount of approximately \$65 million and substitute a term loan of the same amount having a maturity of at least five years and a moratorium on repayment of principal during the first two years of the loan.

"Chase will continue in force certain outstanding letters of credit in an aggregate amount of \$9,358,256, executed in connection with Seatrain's construction contracts for the two tankers," he pointed out.

In addition, the Acting Secretary said Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company will extend the term of two loans to Seatrain, one in the amount of \$12 million due in 1977 to 1982, and another of \$25 million due in 1978 to 1983. "Interest will be calculated from time to time on the notes until maturity at a rate satisfactory to the Department of Commerce," Tabor said. Both loans are guaranteed by EDA, he noted.

Tabor said the \$40 million working capital loan that EDA is guaranteeing for Seatrain is comparable to a \$22.5 million loan the EDA is backing that was awarded April 29 to Todd Shipyards Corporation of New York City. "In that instance, a loan was also guaranteed to enable the firm to continue operations and save the jobs of 10,000 workers at Todd shipyards at seven locations around the country," he remarked.

Tabor said that the embargo by oil exporting nations and accelerating costs of construction have had an adverse financial effect on the shipbuilding industry. He said that while the market for large tankers for foreign trade operations is currently depressed, the domestic Alaskan oil trade, which is restricted to U.S.-flag tankers, and the need for specialized product carriers should spur shipyard activities in the following years.

Officials of EDA and the Commerce Department's Maritime Administration were at the Brooklyn Navy Yard today to confer with officers of the Seatrain Corporation on conditions for the financial assistance.

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MORTON ANNOUNCES
GRANT FOR JOB PROGRAM
AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Secretary of Commerce Rogers C. B. Morton today announced approval of a \$5,000,000 grant to help an employee stock ownership trust purchase a metal-working plant and save 500 jobs in South Bend, Indiana.

The City of South Bend applied for the grant from the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.

Morton said the grant was approved under an amendment adding a Title IX to the Public Works and Economic Development Act that authorizes funds for special economic development and adjustment assistance.

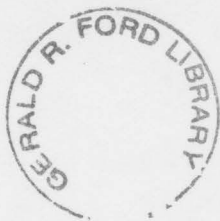
The grant will enable South Bend to extend a 25-year, 3 percent loan to the employee stock ownership trust for the purchase of the South Bend Lathe Company Division of Amsted Industries.

The trust will use the \$5,000,000 loan from the city and an additional \$5,150,000 from private lenders to purchase the inventory and fixed assets of the plant. It will form a new corporation, South Bend Lathe, Inc., that will own and operate the plant.

South Bend officials said the city is assisting the employee group in order to help save jobs at the plant and in industries that sell goods and services to the plant.

High unemployment in the South Bend area is related to cutbacks in the tool-making and plastics industries, the city said.

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They said Amsted Industries, a Chicago-based firm, is in the process of divesting itself of South Bend Lathe. Alternatives to employee purchase of the facility include selling the plant to liquidators interested in closing the operation and selling the assets, the city said.

Morton said the economic adjustment plan for South Bend provides that the city will use the loan repayments from the employee stock ownership trust for other projects to help create jobs.

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The grant will enable South Bend to extend a 25-year, 3 percent loan to the employee stock ownership trust for the purchase of the South Bend Lathe Company Division of Amsted Industries.

The trust will use the \$2,000,000 loan from the city and an additional \$2,150,000 from private lenders to purchase the inventory and fixed assets of the plant. It will form a new corporation, South Bend Lathe, Inc., that will own and operate the plant.

South Bend officials said the city is assisting the employee group in order to help save jobs at the plant and in industries that sell goods and services to the plant.

High unemployment in the South Bend area is related to cutbacks in the tool-making and plastics industries, the city said.

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COMMERCE GRANT TO HELP
WASHINGTON, GEORGIA
CREATE JOBS

Secretary of Commerce Rogers C. B. Morton today announced approval of a \$1,378,200 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs in Wilkes County, Georgia.

The City of Washington applied for the funds from the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration.

The funds will be used to expand the city's water system serving a 209-acre industrial park and enable the Clark-Schwebel Fiber Glass Corporation to expand and add 131 employees.

The improvements are planned as one phase of the long-range growth plans of the Central Savannah River Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to overcome lagging economic growth and unemployment on a regional basis.

Local officials report that the additional water capacity will serve as an inducement to new industry to locate in the area.

They anticipate that firms can be attracted to use the timber and mineral resources of the area. Local leaders also are working to attract food-processing firms to handle produce grown in Wilkes County.

New jobs are needed for unemployed workers in Wilkes County and the adjacent counties of Greene, Lincoln, Oglethorpe, Taliaferro and Warren.

The City of Washington will provide \$918,000 to complete the \$2,297,000 total cost of the improvements, which will include a new water-treatment plant, a water-intake system from a reservoir and transmission lines.



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The EDA grant includes a \$229,700 bonus because the City of Washington and Wilkes County are participating in the planning program of the Central Savannah River District.

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COMMERCE GRANT TO HELP
WASHINGTON, GEORGIA
CREATE JOBS

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Secretary of Commerce Rogers C. B. Morton today announced approval of a \$1,378,200 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs in Wilkes County, Georgia. The City of Washington applied for the funds from the Commerce Department's Economic Development Administration. The funds will be used to expand the city's water system serving a 209-acre industrial park and enable the Clark-Schwabel Fiber Glass Corporation to expand and add 131 employees. The improvements are planned as one phase of the long-range growth plans of the Central Savannah River Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to overcome lagging economic growth and unemployment on a regional basis. Local officials report that the additional water capacity will serve as an inducement to new industry to locate in the area. They anticipate that firms can be attracted to use the timber and mineral resources of the area. Local leaders also are working to attract food-processing firms to handle produce grown in Wilkes County. New jobs are needed for unemployed workers in Wilkes County and the adjacent counties of Greene, Lincoln, Oglethorpe, Taliaferro and Warren. The City of Washington will provide \$218,000 to complete the \$2,297,000 total cost of the improvements, which will include a new water-treatment plant, a water-intake system from a local and transmission lines.



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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP FLORIDA INDIANS
CONTINUE JOB PROGRAM

Approval of a \$50,311 grant to help continue a program to establish an aquaculture industry and create jobs for the Seminole Indians of Florida was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc., 6073 Stirling Road, Hollywood, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The tribe will use the EDA grant to help pay administrative costs of a professional staff to plan and carry out a fish-farming program.

Special emphasis will be placed on the development of catfish farming on the Brighton Reservation in Glades County. EDA has approved a grant to help the tribe to build catfish rearing ponds at Brighton.

Other aspects of aquaculture development to be considered include a fish hatchery, a fee-fishing program, a processing plant, a feed mill and seafood restaurants.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc., will provide \$42,573 to complete the \$92,884 total cost of continuing the program for a year.

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UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
GETS EDA GRANT TO HELP
CONTINUE JOB PROGRAM

Approval of a \$96,905 grant to help continue a job and business development program in Utah was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The university will use the funds to help pay costs of its Industrial Services Division for 12 months.

The division provides management and technical assistance for community and business development projects creating jobs and increasing incomes for the unemployed and underemployed.

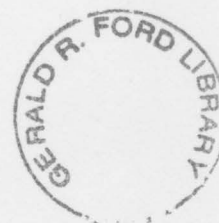
Special emphasis is being placed on orderly growth in eastern areas of Utah in connection with the development of the area's energy resources.

In addition to working with business and community groups, the Industrial Services Division works with district and regional organizations interested in long-range economic growth.

The University of Utah will provide \$120,980 to complete the \$217,885 total cost of continuing the program.

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DETROIT GETS EDA GRANT
TO CONTINUE PLANNING
FOR JOB DEVELOPMENT

Approval of a \$35,000 grant to help continue a program of planning for diversified economic growth and new jobs in Detroit, Michigan, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

Detroit will use the grant to help pay costs of a study to determine the feasibility of building a railroad spur to serve an area being considered for development as a wholesale center.

Detroit is conducting the study in connection with long-range plans to create jobs in the city's industrial corridor through land-use planning and re-use of vacant buildings.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the rail study, which is expected to be completed within four months.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
FOR JOB PROGRAM
IN LOS ANGELES

Approval of a \$55,257 grant to help continue a program of management and technical assistance to stimulate long-range economic growth in the Watts community of Los Angeles was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Economic Resources Corporation, 11633 South Alameda Street, is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The grant will be used to help pay administrative costs of the corporation's job and business development program for the Watts Imperial Industrial Park.

ERC is developing the industrial park to provide sites for small, minority firms. Some 20 firms employing approximately 1,000 persons have established operations in the park, ERC reports.

The Watts community has been designated as a special impact area, eligible for EDA financial assistance for programs and projects to help create new jobs to combat high unemployment.

The Economic Resources Corporation will provide \$18,450 to complete the \$73,707 total cost of continuing the program through June 30, 1975.

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ALASKAN COMMUNITY
GETS EDA GRANT
FOR WATER SYSTEM

Approval of an \$800,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs in an Aleutian Island community of Alaska was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

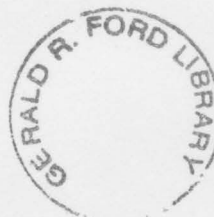
Unalaska, a predominantly Aleut community located at the site of the World War II Dutch Harbor base, will use the funds to help enlarge its water system.

The project will serve the entire community and aid Unalaska's overall economic development program aimed at creating jobs through the expansion of fish processing.

The City of Unalaska will provide \$800,000 from other sources to complete the \$1,600,000 total cost of the project. The funds will enable the community to reactivate two wells, improve a dam and intake structure, install water lines and construct treatment facilities.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
FOR SKILL CENTER AT
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

Approval of a \$540,000 grant to help enlarge a job-training center and stimulate long-range economic growth in San Joaquin County, California, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Stockton Unified School District of San Joaquin County applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The school district is enlarging the Woodruff Regional Occupational Center in connection with the overall economic development program of San Joaquin County. The aim of the program is to create jobs through the orderly development of local resources.

School district officials said the enlarged center will help eliminate a waiting list of some 900 applicants for skill training.

The Stockton Unified School District of San Joaquin County will match the EDA grant to complete the \$1,080,000 total cost of the project.

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EDA LOAN TO HELP
CREATE 230 JOBS
AT TWO HARBORS, MINN.

Approval of a \$600,000 loan to help stimulate economic growth and create 230 jobs in Lake County, Minnesota, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Jones Products, Inc., a manufacturer of locomotive diesel engine parts, is the applicant for the loan from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The company plans to refurbish and reopen a manufacturing plant in Two Harbors, Minnesota. It is associated with J & J Castings, Inc., of Hibbing, Minnesota, which produces similar diesel parts.

Local officials anticipate that 230 workers will be hired at the start of production at Two Harbors and that total employment will be about 300 when the plant is in full production.

New jobs are needed in the area to reduce the high rate of unemployment. Two Harbors is a growth center for the multi-county Arrowhead Economic Development District and provides jobs and services for workers in surrounding rural areas.

A \$125,000 private bank loan has been arranged for the project and the Two Harbors Local Development Corporation and Minnesota Area Redevelopment Administration are providing \$235,000. The applicant will invest \$240,000 to complete the \$1,200,000 total project cost. The EDA loan is repayable in 15 years at a 7-3/4 percent annual interest rate.

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EDA GRANT TO HELP
SPUR GROWTH AT
FORT YATES, NORTH DAKOTA

Approval of a \$136,800 grant to help provide facilities to stimulate economic growth and create jobs on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in North Dakota was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Fort Yates, an independent municipality within the boundaries of the reservation, is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The city will use the funds to pave and extend streets and provide drainage facilities. The work will include construction of curbs and gutters.

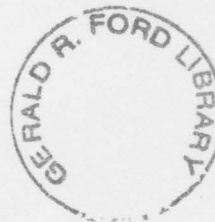
City officials report that the improvements are needed to create community interest and provide foundation for long-range economic growth.

The development is included in the overall economic development program of the multi-county Lewis and Clark 1805 Economic Development District.

The City of Fort Yates will provide \$91,200 to complete the \$228,000 total project cost. The EDA grant includes a \$22,800 bonus because Fort Yates and the Standing Rock Indian Reservation are participating in the regional planning program of the Lewis and Clark 1805 Economic Development District.

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SAN FELIPE PUEBLO
OF NEW MEXICO GETS
EDA GRANT FOR CENTER

Approval of a \$165,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs on the Pueblo of San Felipe in New Mexico was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Pueblo of San Felipe, with headquarters at Algodones in Sandoval County, 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 pueblo's community center.

Pueblo officials said the additional space will provide offices for organizations and agencies working to improve economic and social conditions in the San Felipe community.

They also anticipate that the expanded community center will serve as a focal point for strengthening historical and cultural interests among residents of the pueblo.

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

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POTAWATOMI TRIBE
OF OKLAHOMA
GETS EDA GRANT

Approval of a \$305,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs on the Potawatomi Indian Trust Lands in Oklahoma was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians of Oklahoma will use the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, to construct a tribal office and cultural center just south of Shawnee.

Tribal officials report that the new facility represents the initial phase of a long-range economic development program on the tribal trust lands.

Bordering on the Shawnee growth center of the multi-county Central Oklahoma Economic Development District, the Potawatomi project will help to expand business and industrial growth in the area. As a growth center, Shawnee seeks to create jobs for workers in lagging areas of the district.

Tribal officials add that the overall growth plans for the trust lands include industrial site preparation and development of such enterprises as hog bristle processing, gray iron and aluminum forging and decorative stone manufacturing.

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

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EDA GRANT TO HELP
EXPAND PORT FACILITIES
AT PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

Approval of a \$529,500 grant to help expand cargo-handling and storage facilities and create new jobs at Panama City, Florida, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The funds will be used to construct bulkhead walls and to pave and equip a cargo-handling and storage area.

Port officials report that the improvements are included in the overall economic development program for Bay County and the Northwest Florida Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to stimulate growth on a regional basis.

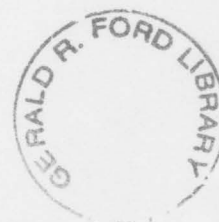
As a growth center for the district, Panama City seeks to create jobs for unemployed workers in surrounding areas.

Port officials anticipate that the project will facilitate additional barge traffic. The storage and handling areas will reduce port time for the barges, thus allowing for increased scheduling of deepwater vessels at dock areas, they add.

The Panama City Port Authority will match the EDA grant to complete the \$1,059,000 total project cost.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
FOR INDIAN COMMUNITY
IN CALIFORNIA

Approval of a \$175,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic development and create jobs in the Woodfords Indian community in Alpine County, California, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, with headquarters at Stewart, Nevada, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to construct a community center adjacent to the site of 22 new homes. The center will serve as a meeting place and recreation facility. It also will provide office space for agencies working to create jobs and enhance living conditions for members of the Washoe Tribe.

Tribal officials are building the community center in connection with the overall economic development program of the Washoe Nation, consisting of the Carson, Dresslerville and Woodfords colonies. A campground for recreational vehicles has been completed and Washoe officials are seeking to develop community facilities to encourage expansion of the area's tourist industry.

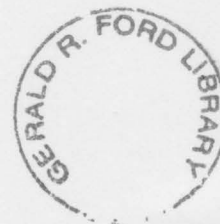
The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the Woodfords community center.

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ANGOON, ALASKA
GETS EDA GRANT
TO AID JOB PROGRAM

Approval of a \$600,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs in the Angoon community of Alaska was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Angoon 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 general purpose dock at Angoon. The project will include a crane warehouse and a machine shop. Angoon officials said the dock will provide all-weather cargo-handling facilities for barges and ships serving the Admiralty Island community.

The project will provide repair and boat-storage facilities to encourage expansion of the area's fishing fleet.

Angoon officials anticipate that the dock will encourage development of service and processing operations related to the fishing industry. The machine shop will be operated by native organizations.

Angoon is building the dock in connection with the overall economic development program of Admiralty Island. The aim of the program is to create jobs and increase incomes for the unemployed and underemployed.

The City of Angoon will provide \$247,500 to complete the \$847,500 total cost of the project.

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LOVELAND, OHIO
GETS EDA GRANT
TO AID JOB PROGRAM

Approval of a \$952,800 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs in the Loveland, Ohio, area was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

Loveland will use the grant to help enlarge its water system to provide for industrial and commercial growth.

Loveland is expanding its water system in connection with the overall economic development program of the Ohio Valley Economic Development District. The multi-county district is working to overcome regional problems blocking growth and to create new jobs.

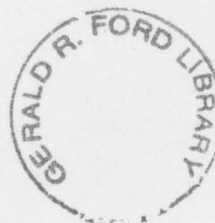
A Community Improvement Corporation has been established by Loveland to spearhead local efforts to attract new industry and jobs. However, the corporation reports, these efforts have been restricted because of inadequate municipal water service.

Loveland officials expect the project to encourage local firms to expand and other firms seeking locations for new plants to establish operations in the community.

The City of Loveland will provide \$238,200 to complete the \$1,191,000 total cost of the project. The funds will enable Loveland to install new pumps and water lines and build treatment and storage facilities.

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CHISHOLM, MINNESOTA
GETS EDA, UPPER GREAT LAKES
FUNDS FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK

Approval of grants totaling \$412,200 to help stimulate long-range economic growth in St. Louis 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 Chisholm will use the Federal funds to help develop a city-owned industrial park. The project includes the construction of water and sewer lines and streets.

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

The community's industrial development program is being spearheaded by the Chisholm Business and Industrial Development Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce. Local officials expect the availability of developed industrial sites to encourage firms to expand and establish plants in the community.

The Economic Development Administration is making a \$311,400 grant for the project, and the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission is making a \$100,800 grant. The City of Chisholm will provide \$106,800 to complete the \$519,000 total cost of the project.

The EDA grant includes a \$51,900 bonus because Chisholm and St. Louis County are members of the Arrowhead Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to overcome regional problems and to create new jobs by developing local resources.

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MILLTOWN, INDIANA
GETS EDA GRANT
FOR MEDICAL CENTER

Approval of a \$120,000 grant to help create immediate jobs for unemployed workers in Crawford County, Indiana, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

Milltown will use the grant to build a medical center and an ambulance facility.

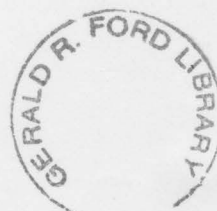
EDA approved the grant under provisions of the Public Works and Economic Development Act which authorize funds to help build useful public facilities in areas of high unemployment.

Work on the project is expected to get under way within 90 days. Milltown officials anticipate that the construction will provide jobs for up to 25 persons from the community.

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

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ISLETA PUEBLO, NEW MEXICO
GETS EDA GRANT FOR
ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER

Approval of a \$158,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs on Isleta Pueblo in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The pueblo will use the funds to build an arts and crafts center.

The center will provide space to display and sell Indian pottery and weaving. Tribal officials anticipate that the center will enable the pueblo to participate in the benefits of tourism in the Albuquerque area and the growing demand for Indian-made products.

Tribal officials are building the center in connection with the pueblo's overall economic development program. The aim of the program is to create jobs and increase incomes on the pueblo.

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

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PONTIAC, MICHIGAN
GETS EDA GRANT
TO AID JOB PROGRAM

Approval of a \$776,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs at Pontiac, Michigan, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

Pontiac will use the grant to help build a 600-car, six-level parking facility in the central business district.

Pontiac officials expect that the parking facility will serve as a catalyst to encourage other public and private investments needed to help create jobs in the downtown area.

Pontiac is building the parking facility in connection with its overall planning program aimed at retaining existing jobs and attracting new jobs to the central business district.

Jobs are needed to combat high unemployment and under-employment in the community.

The City of Pontiac will match the EDA grant to complete the \$1,552,000 total cost of the project.

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PAPAGO RESERVATION
OF ARIZONA GETS EDA GRANT
FOR GOVERNMENT CENTER

Approval of a \$664,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs on the Papago Indian Reservation in Arizona was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The tribe will use the grant to build a tribal center at Sells. The center will house the legislative, executive-administrative and related tribal government organizations.

Tribal officials said the center will function as the first unit of a planned Papago capitol.

Papago officials anticipate that the center will serve as a focal point for long-range economic development activities on the reservation, and provide meeting facilities to accommodate council and other tribal activities.

The Papago Tribe is working with the Indian Development District of Arizona in planning and carrying out projects to create jobs and increase incomes for tribal members. It is working to attract industrial plants to the reservation and to expand farming operations.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the tribal center, which will be a two-story masonry and wood building designed to reflect the Papago culture and heritage.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
FOR TRIBAL CENTER ON
MONTANA RESERVATION

Approval of a \$555,000 grant to help stimulate long-range growth and create jobs on the Flathead Indian Reservation in Montana was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The grant will be used to construct a tribal headquarters at Pablo.

Tribal officials said the building will enable the Confederated Tribes to centralize operations and provide better service to residents of the reservation.

The tribal center is expected to serve as a focal point for the development of community facilities to encourage economic growth and the expansion of the area's tourist industry. It is being constructed in connection with the tribes' overall economic development program aimed at creating new jobs and increasing incomes for tribal members.

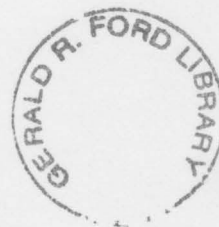
The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO AID JOB GROWTH
AT ARGOS, INDIANA

Approval of a \$198,500 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs in Marshall County, Indiana, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Argos, Indiana, Industrial Foundation, Inc., is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The foundation, a non-profit organization established to encourage diversified industrial growth in the community, will use the funds to develop an industrial park adjacent to U. S. Highway 31, 17th Road and the Norfolk & Western Railroad.

Foundation officials report that the Ristance Corporation will establish a new plant in the park, and expand its work force. The firm produces wire harnesses and other electrical components for the appliance and automotive industries.

The industrial park will provide sites to encourage firms seeking locations for new plants to establish operations in the community, the foundation said. The foundation has an option on a tract of land adjacent to the industrial park for future development.

The Argos, Indiana, Industrial Foundation, Inc., will match the EDA grant to complete the \$397,000 total cost of the project, which will include water and sewer lines, a water tank and an access road.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
FOR COUNCIL BUILDING
ON NEW MEXICO PUEBLO

Approval of a \$153,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs for Indian pueblos in New Mexico was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

San Juan Pueblo applied for the funds from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The grant will be used to construct an addition to the headquarters building of the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, representing the Nambe, Picuris, Pojoaque, San Juan, San Ildefonso, Santa Clara, Taos and Tesuque pueblos.

Council officials report the additional office space on the San Juan Pueblo will facilitate the administration of programs for the eight pueblos. The council is placing special emphasis on the creation of jobs through long-range planning and the development of tribal resources.

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

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP CONTINUE
PRODUCTIVITY PROGRAM

Approval of a \$149,993 grant to help continue a program to increase productivity and create new jobs was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Regents of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to help pay the costs of a productivity enhancement program conducted by the University's Institute of Social Research and its affiliate, the National Quality of Work Center, Inc.

Center officials said the program involves quality of work studies conducted in cooperation with labor and management. Unions and employers are participating in the costs of the studies.

The aim of the quality-of-work program is to increase productivity and to improve working life.

Quality-of-work projects are being conducted at a Harmon International automobile parts plant in Bolivar, Tennessee; the Rushton Coal Mine in Rushton, Pennsylvania; and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Several additional projects are expected to be launched during the coming year.

Information collected during the various projects will be distributed by the institute and a series of quality-of-working-life seminars will be conducted for leaders of labor, industry and government.

The Regents of the University of Michigan will provide \$50,847 to complete the \$200,840 total cost of continuing the program for a year.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK AT
JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK

Approval of a \$453,600 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs in Chautauqua County, New York, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency, with offices at Mayville, is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to help develop South Chautauqua Industrial Park near Jamestown. County officials report that improved sites are needed for existing industry to expand, and to encourage new industry to locate plants in the area.

They add that the lack of adequate sites has resulted in the loss of industry and jobs.

The project includes installation of water, sewer and storm drainage systems and construction of access roads.

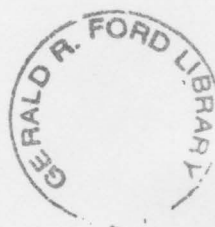
The Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency will provide \$302,400 to complete the \$756,000 total project cost.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP URBAN GROUP
CONDUCT JOB PROGRAM

Approval of a \$260,500 grant to continue a program to help create jobs in urban communities was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Council for Urban Economic Development, 1620 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The grant will be used to help pay costs of a comprehensive program of assistance to local economic development agencies. The goal of the program is to assist local governments in meeting unemployment problems through programs of job development and retention.

In addition to collecting and distributing information on the various aspects of economic development, the council conducts seminars to assist local governments in planning and carrying out projects to stimulate growth and create jobs.

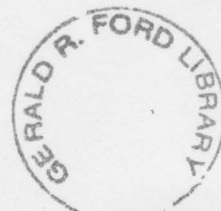
It also carries out special projects related to energy and defense cutbacks.

The council's membership includes economic development planners and managers who are working to encourage private investments in job-generating activities in the nation's cities and communities.

The Council for Urban Economic Development will provide \$86,833 to complete the \$347,333 total cost of continuing the program for nine months.

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SEMINOLE TRIBE
OF FLORIDA GETS
EDA GRANT FOR POOL

Approval of a \$51,000 grant to help encourage community development on the Brighton Indian Reservation in Florida was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida, with offices at Hollywood, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

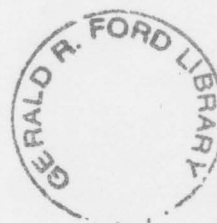
The pool will be located adjacent to the reservation's community center in Glades County.

Tribal officials are building the pool in connection with the overall economic development program of the reservation. The aim of the program is to create jobs and improve economic and social conditions for tribal members.

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

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FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA
GETS EDA GRANT
TO HELP SPUR GROWTH

Approval of a \$900,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs in Macon County, North Carolina, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Town of Franklin 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 community's water system. The project involves the development of a water-supply system from mountain streams.

It will serve the site of a proposed industrial park and provide adequate water for Franklin and adjacent areas in Macon County.

In addition, Franklin officials expect the enlarged water system to stimulate growth in the region's tourist industry and enable the community to participate in the commercial development anticipated along Appalachian Highway Corridor A.

Franklin is enlarging its water system in connection with the area's overall economic development program aimed at creating new jobs through diversified growth.

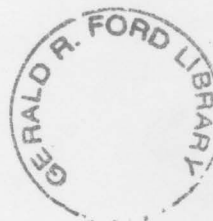
The Town of Franklin will provide \$1,138,000 to complete the \$2,038,000 total cost of the project, consisting of a water-treatment plant, storage facilities and additional water lines.

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MUSKEGON, MICHIGAN
GETS EDA GRANT
FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK

Approval of a \$526,500 grant to stimulate industrial growth in Muskegon County, Michigan, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Muskegon will use the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, to develop an industrial park as part of a long-range economic growth program.

City officials state that the park will be divided into 16 individual industrial sites.

The development is planned in connection with Muskegon's overall revitalization program, which includes construction of a new city hall, development of a second industrial park, rehabilitation of the downtown shopping area, and construction of a convention-motel complex.

Officials state that the improvements are needed to help existing businesses expand and move into modern facilities and to attract new job sources. Unemployment in the area exceeds 10 percent, they add.

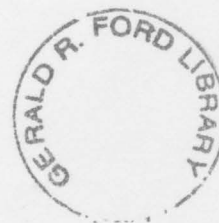
The City of Muskegon will match the EDA grant to complete the \$1,053,000 total cost of the industrial park project, which will include site preparation, water, sewer and drainage systems and construction of streets, curbs and gutters.

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EDA, COASTAL PLAINS AGENCY
APPROVE FUNDS TO AID JOB
GROWTH AT CAIRO, GEORGIA

Approval of grants totaling \$775,000 to help stimulate long-range economic growth in Grady County, Georgia, was announced today by the Coastal Plains Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Cairo applied for the Federal funds to help develop industrial areas.

Cairo officials report the project will serve the site of a plant to be established by the Torrington Company, a precision metal-working firm. Torrington is expected to employ 500 persons in the production of bearings at Cairo, the city said.

The project also will serve an industrial park being developed by the community to encourage other firms seeking locations for new plants to establish operations at Cairo.

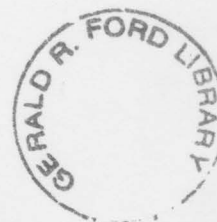
Cairo is developing the industrial areas in connection with the overall economic development program of the Southwest Georgia Economic Development District. The multi-county district organization is working to help create jobs through utilization of local resources.

The Economic Development Administration is making a \$600,000 grant for the project and the Coastal Plains Regional Commission, a \$175,000 grant. The City of Cairo will provide \$837,000 to complete the \$1,612,000 total cost of the project.

The funds will enable the city to install water, sewer and gas lines and build access roads for the industrial sites.

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EDA APPROVES LOAN
TO HELP SOUTH CAROLINA
PLANT CONTINUE OPERATIONS

Approval of a \$200,000 working capital loan to help a Summerville, South Carolina, brick-making firm employing 37 persons continue operations was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Dorchester Brick Works, Ltd., is the applicant for the financial assistance from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Company officials said the working capital loan is essential to continued operation of the firm, which has sustained sharp sales declines and increased energy costs.

The firm anticipates increased construction activity in its service area, which includes Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia.

EDA approved the working capital loan under a 1974 amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing direct working capital loans by the agency.

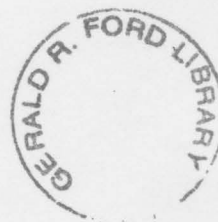
The working capital loan is repayable in 5/1-2 years at an annual interest rate of 7-3/4 percent.

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ZUNI PUEBLO
OF NEW MEXICO
GETS EDA GRANT

Approval of a \$187,000 grant to help expand tourism and create jobs for unemployed workers on the Zuni Pueblo of New Mexico was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Pueblo of Zuni will use the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, to construct campground facilities at two fishing lakes.

Pueblo officials anticipate that the improvements will help the tribe expand its tourist trade, offering visitors additional camp sites and providing a base for commercial development.

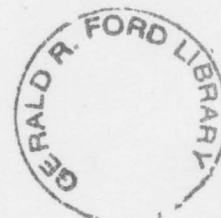
They add that new tourist enterprises will help the pueblo to diversify its economic dependence on farming and arts and crafts.

New jobs are needed on the pueblo for the long-term unemployed and for students entering the labor market.

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

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FLORIDA TRIBE
GETS EDA GRANT
FOR LIBRARY

Approval of a \$51,000 grant to help construct a library building on the Big Cypress Indian Reservation in Florida was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida, with offices at Hollywood, is the applicant for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The tribe will use the funds to begin work on a library adjacent to the Big Cypress community building in Hendry County. The project also includes water and sewer services and related equipment.

Tribal leaders state that the community complex will serve as an inducement to industry to locate plants on the reservation and will help to improve educational facilities in accordance with long-range plans for increasing working skills.

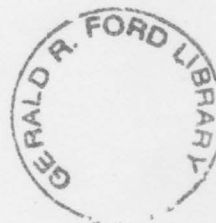
Farming and cattle ranching are the principal sources of incomes for workers at present.

Diversified types of industry are being sought by the tribe to create permanent year-round jobs for workers.

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

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP FLORIDA
CONTINUE PLANNING PROGRAM

Approval of an \$18,750 grant to help continue a program of planning for diversified economic growth and new jobs in Florida was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The funds will be used to help pay the costs of a comprehensive planning program being conducted by the State's Division of Commercial Development. The aim of the program is to create new jobs and increase incomes through utilization of the State's resources.

Studies are being conducted to help identify projects and priorities in fields such as vocational-technical education, industrial development and regional airports.

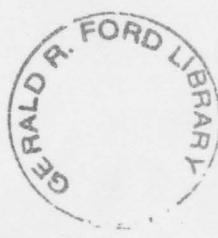
The State of Florida will provide \$6,250 to complete the \$25,000 total cost of continuing the program for three months.

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EDA GRANT TO HELP
STUDY JOB OPPORTUNITIES
IN HARRISON COUNTY, W. VA.

Approval of a \$39,000 grant to help study the potential for diversifying the economy to create jobs for unemployed workers in Harrison County, West Virginia, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

Harrison County Commissioners, with offices at Clarksburg, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to help conduct extensive studies of human and natural resources in the county as the foundation for long-range plans to relieve the area's economic dependence on glass-making for jobs and incomes.

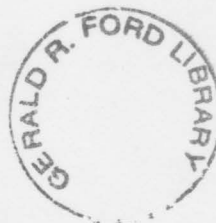
Local officials report that 800 jobs were lost recently by the closing of a Pittsburgh Plate Glass plant and the reduction of production at related industries.

They add that the survey will also be designed to help local businesses expand and create new jobs for unemployed workers.

The project will be conducted by the Harrison County Planning Commission. Harrison County will provide \$13,000 from other sources to complete the \$52,000 total cost of the project.

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EDA APPROVES FUNDS
TO HELP CREATE JOBS
ON MONTANA RESERVATION

Approval of grants totaling \$546,000 to stimulate long-range industrial growth and create jobs on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes applied for the grants from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to renovate an industrial building, build a railroad spur and related support facilities in the reservation's industrial park at Poplar.

Tribal officials said the industrial building will be leased to the Fort Peck Manufacturing Company, an Indian enterprise, for a metal-working operation. The plant is expected to employ 25 persons in the production of parts for heavy earth-moving equipment.

The Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes are carrying out the projects in connection with the overall economic development program for the reservation. The aim of the program is to create jobs for tribal members through the development of local resources.

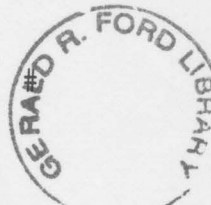
The grants approved today consist of \$224,000 for preparation of the industrial building and \$322,000 for construction of the rail spur and other support facilities in the park.

Tribal officials anticipate that operation of the metal-working plant will encourage other firms to establish operations in the industrial park.

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MASSACHUSETTS AREAS
ARE DESIGNATED
FOR EDA JOB AID

Twenty-seven communities in the Gardner and Worcester Labor Market areas of Massachusetts have become eligible for Federal assistance to stimulate economic growth and create jobs, Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, announced today.

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

Located in Worcester County, the communities are:

The Towns of Ashburnham, Gardner, Hubbardston, Princeton and Templeton, all in the Gardner Labor Market, and,

The City of Worcester and Towns of Auburn, Berlin, Boylston, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Grafton, Holden, Leicester, Millbury, Northborough, Northbridge, North Brookfield, Oxford, Paxton, Shrewsbury, Spencer, Sterling, Sutton, Upton, Westborough and West Boylston, all in the Worcester Labor Market.

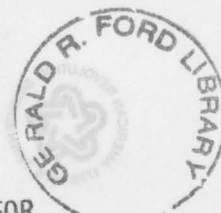
As redevelopment areas, the communities are eligible for the full range of EDA benefits under the Public Works and Economic Development Act.

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These include:

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

-- Loans, loan guarantees and lease guarantees to help private business expand and create new jobs.

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

The communities, which were designated for EDA assistance because of high unemployment, are eligible for grants of up to 50 percent of the cost of public works projects.

Prior to today's designation as redevelopment areas, each of the labor market areas prepared an Overall Economic Development Program. The OEDP is an inventory of an area's assets, needs and goals.

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MICCOSUKEE TRIBE
OF FLORIDA
GETS EDA JOB GRANT

Approval of a \$152,000 grant to help construct a library building on the Miccosukee Indian Reservation in Florida 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 Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida, Star Route, Box 49, Ochopee.

The funds will be used to construct the library adjacent to the community center and other tribal buildings.

Tribal leaders report that economic growth in the past was impeded by the lack of community and neighborhood facilities that are considered important to industrial development.

The tribe is converting lands to farm use and has plans for tourism facilities on the reservation, which is located about 40 miles west of Miami.

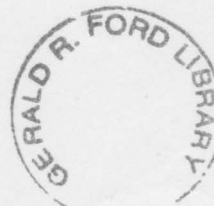
New jobs are needed for young people entering the labor market and for others who have become displaced by cutbacks in construction activities.

The library project includes construction of the building, water and sewer services, and paving of walkways.

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

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EDA DESIGNATES AREA
OF PRICHARD, ALABAMA
FOR FEDERAL JOB AID

The southeastern portion of Prichard, Alabama, has become eligible for Federal financial assistance in planning and carrying out projects to create jobs, it was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Prichard area was designated as a special impact area by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Mizell said the designation is based on high unemployment and a concentration of low-income persons. Special impact areas are eligible for the full range of EDA benefits under provisions of the Public Works and Economic Development Act. These include:

-- Grants and loans to help build public facilities essential to industrial and commercial growth.

-- Financial assistance to help private enterprise expand and create new job opportunities.

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

-- Grants to help create immediate jobs in the construction of useful public facilities.

Prior to today's designation, the City of Prichard prepared an overall economic development program for the special impact area. The OEDP, which lists the area's resources and needs, is used in helping set priorities for public and private investments.

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The Prichard special impact area consists of the portion
of the city lying within Census Tracts 12.01, 39.01, 39.02, 40,
41, 42, 43 and 46; the part of Tract 48 included in Blocks
numbered 301 and higher; the part of Tract 49 included in Blocks
numbered 302 through 309; and the part of Tract 50 included in
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EDA-FUNDED PROJECT
HELPS TO CREATE
1,300 JOBS IN NEW YORK

More than 1,300 jobs were created and 40 business and community activities were assisted in the Northeastern region of New York over a two-year period through the program of a job-development center established with assistance from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, it was revealed today.

The economic activity was spurred by the Technical Assistance Center at the State University of New York campus, Plattsburgh, New York.

Recognizing a broad span of problems in the area -- declining numbers of individual farms, out-migration of skilled labor, and long periods of seasonal unemployment -- the center concentrated its efforts on providing assistance to existing and new business firms.

During the 1973-74 period, the organization offered specialized help from the university faculty and from other specialists to businessmen to help stabilize their operations or to locate new job-opportunities in the region.

The report of its two-year activity states:

"Because of the important role of transportation in economic development, (the center) has contributed to the maintenance of railroads and air travel. One of the highlights of these two years in terms of employment potential is the designating of Lake Placid as the site for the 1980 Winter Olympics.

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"The center contributed significantly by its impact report and statements before a New York State legislative committee. The olympics not only will create jobs in 1980, but also will create long-term recreational employment.

"Because of the seasonal unemployment in Essex County, this will assist in lowering unemployment in the winter months."

The center's most success in employment was in the field of helping existing businesses to stabilize their operation, where 510 jobs were preserved. Another 351 jobs were created in the expansion of businesses with the center's assistance; 245 jobs were created in new business ventures and another 247 in community development projects.

The Technical Assistance Center coordinates its program with those of the multi-county Black River-St. Lawrence, Eastern Adirondack and Mohawk Valley Economic Development Districts.

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EDA GUARANTEES LOANS
TO HELP TEXAS FIRM
SAVE, CREATE JOBS

Approval of the guarantees of \$6,460,000 in private loans to help a Brownsville, Texas, bus-manufacturing firm expand its production and create more than 700 additional jobs was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The Brownsville firm leases two aircraft hangars where it manufactures inter-city buses that previously had been produced in a European plant. It currently employs 340 persons, of which nearly 90 percent are from minority groups.

The company reports that the guarantees of the loans are necessary to sustain operations and permit an expansion of production facilities to manufacture urban transit buses.

Another 710 jobs are expected to be created with the new production line, company officials report.

EDA approved the loan guarantees under an amendment to the Public Works and Economic Development Act authorizing funds to help businesses maintain and expand operations in areas of high unemployment.

By today's action, EDA guarantees 90 percent of a 12-year fixed-asset loan of \$2,210,000 being made by American National Insurance Company of Galveston and 90 percent of a seven-year working capital loan of \$4,250,000 being made by the Pan American Bank of Brownsville.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
FOR BASE RE-USE PROGRAM
AT BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA

Approval of a \$45,319 grant to help continue a program of planning for the re-use of the former Glymco Naval Air Station to stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs in the Brunswick, Georgia, area was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Coastal Area Planning and Development Commission, with headquarters at Brunswick, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The commission will use the funds to help pay administrative costs of a staff working to convert the air station into civilian activities to generate industrial and commercial growth.

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

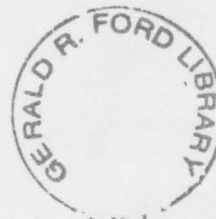
The Coastal Area Planning and Development Commission will provide \$21,232 to complete the \$66,551 total cost of continuing the program for a year.

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SEMINOLE INDIANS OF
OKLAHOMA GET EDA GRANT
TO HELP SPUR GROWTH

Approval of a \$350,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth on Seminole Indian Trust Land in Oklahoma was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, with offices at Wewoka, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The project involves development of the Mekusukey Mission and Academy site, about three miles west of the city of Seminole.

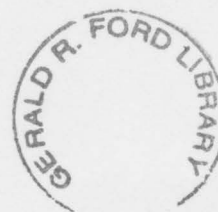
Seminole Nation officials said the site will be the location for a community and cultural center. Long-range plans call for the construction of a skills and crafts building and a multi-purpose community building on the site. The project also will serve the Council House and a workshop building scheduled to be converted into an Indian museum.

The Seminole Nation is developing the site in connection with long-range plans to create jobs and increase incomes for tribal members through the development of Seminole resources.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project, which includes installation of water and sewer systems and construction of a water tank, access roads and parking areas.

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HOPI RESERVATION OF
ARIZONA GETS EDA GRANT
TO ENCOURAGE JOB GROWTH

Approval of a \$504,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth on the Hopi Indian Reservation in Arizona was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Hopi Tribal Council, Post Office Box 123, Oraibi, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to construct access roads to Shipaulovi and Mishungnovi and to restore Walpi Village.

Restoration of Walpi Village, a historical site, and construction of the roads are expected to stimulate the development of the tourist industry on the reservation, Hopi officials said.

They anticipate that the all-weather roads will enable residents of Shipaulovi and Mishungnovi to participate in off-reservation employment opportunities on a year-round basis.

Hopi officials said the restoration of Walpi will be accomplished with native stone and other products which will closely match the original construction.

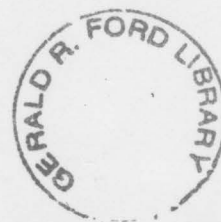
The EDA grant will meet the full cost of the project.

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EDA, OZARKS COMMISSION
APPROVE GRANTS
FOR CANEY, KANSAS

Approval of grants totaling \$598,000 to stimulate diversified economic growth in Montgomery County, Kansas, was announced today by the Ozarks Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Caney is the applicant for the Federal grants.

The funds will be used to develop an industrial park in association with the community's long-range plans to diversify the area's economic dependence on farming.

City officials report that the industrial park will be designed to attract food-processing plants and farm-equipment manufacturers.

They add that the diversification of the area's economy from farming to industry is necessary to provide jobs for persons left unemployed by the mechanization of agriculture and for young people entering the labor force.

The industrial park project will include installation of water transmission and distribution mains, an elevated water-storage tank, sewer lines and a lift station.

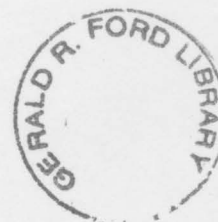
The Ozarks Regional Commission will make a \$222,000 grant for the project, and EDA, a \$376,000 grant. The City of Caney will provide \$154,000 to complete the \$752,000 total cost of the improvements.

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GREAT FALLS, MONTANA
GETS EDA GRANT
FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK

Approval of a \$442,500 grant to help stimulate industrial growth and create jobs at Great Falls, Montana, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Great Falls will use the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, for site improvements at the Northeast Bypass Industrial Park.

Great Falls is developing the park in a long-range effort to attract industry and relieve the area's dependence on farming for jobs and incomes.

New jobs are needed for workers who have been displaced by the mechanization of farming or who experience periods of unemployment because of the seasonal nature of farming. More than 1,300 persons in the area have lost jobs in recent years through defense cutbacks and the closing of the Anaconda Company zinc works and wire mill.

City officials are participating in growth programs with the Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Corporation of Great Falls, the Cascade County Economic Development Corporation and Project Energize.

The programs include construction of a vocational school to improve labor skills and water and sewer system improvements.

Local officials anticipate that the development of industrial sites will be a major attraction to industry to locate in the city.

Great Falls will match the EDA grant to complete the \$885,000 total cost of the project, which includes installation of water and sewer mains, storm sewers and street improvements.

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA
GETS EDA GRANT
FOR JOB PLANNING

Approval of a \$45,000 grant to help plan and carry out activities to create jobs and stimulate long-range economic growth in inner-city areas of Atlanta, Georgia, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

Atlanta will use the funds to help pay the costs of an economic development staff for the city's Department of Community and Human Development.

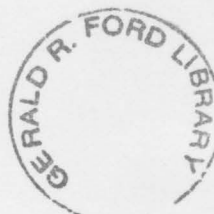
The staff will work with city and neighborhood organizations to establish an overall economic development committee to work for industrial and commercial growth in neighborhoods with high unemployment and underemployment.

Special emphasis will be placed on development in areas around rapid-transit stations and on stimulating investments by private enterprise in job-generating activities.

The City of Atlanta will provide \$15,000 to complete the \$60,000 total cost of the program for a year.

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FLAT RIVER, MISSOURI
GETS EDA, OZARKS COMMISSION
GRANTS TO CREATE JOBS

Approval of grants totaling \$403,700 to help stimulate diversified economic growth in St. Francois County, Missouri, was announced today by the Ozarks Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The City of Flat River is the applicant for the Federal grants.

The funds will be used to develop an industrial park in the northeast section of Flat River. The development is being undertaken in connection with long-range plans for economic growth made by St. Francois County and the Bootheel Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to overcome unemployment on a regional basis.

City officials report that the industrial park will make adequate sites available in Flat River to attract industry.

They anticipate that new industry will help to relieve the city's dependence on lead mining for jobs and incomes and will help slow the outmigration of persons seeking employment.

The Ozarks Regional Commission is making a \$72,500 grant for the project and EDA, a \$331,200 grant. The City of Flat River will provide \$148,300 to complete the \$552,000 total cost of the improvements, which will include installation of water, sewer and drainage systems and construction of access roads. The EDA grant includes a \$55,200 bonus because Flat River and St. Francois County are participating in the planning program of the Bootheel District.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
FOR INDIAN JOB PROGRAM
IN MONTANA AND NORTH DAKOTA

Approval of a \$104,833 grant to help Indians participate in job opportunities anticipated in connection with the development of the lignite industry in North Dakota and Montana was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The United Tribes of North Dakota Development Corporation, with headquarters at 3315 South Airport Road, Bismarck, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to help pay costs of a program to match unemployed Indians with job opportunities in lignite mining, construction and operation of gasification plants and pipeline maintenance.

The aim of the program is to help the Indians obtain well-paying jobs with career opportunities, the corporation said.

Corporation officials stated that manpower surveys will be conducted to identify Indians available for jobs in the lignite industry. Skill levels, training programs, relocation problems and commuting possibilities will be considered.

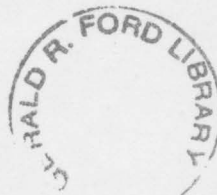
The surveys will take place on reservations and in nearby communities.

Standing Rock, Fort Berthold, Turtle Mountain reservations and Williston-Trenton trust area in North Dakota and the Fort Peck, Northern Cheyenne and Crow reservations in Montana will participate in the program.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the job-development program for a year.

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EDA, UPPER GREAT LAKES
GRANTS TO SPUR GROWTH IN
IOSCO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Approval of grants totaling \$960,000 to help stimulate economic growth in Iosco County, Michigan, was announced today by the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Iosco County is the applicant for the Federal grants.

The funds will be used to provide water service and install three water-storage tanks to serve industrial parks at Tawas City and East Tawas.

New industrial sites are being developed to attract light manufacturing plants which can provide year-round jobs for unemployed workers in Iosco County and communities in the surrounding counties of Arenac, Ogemaw and Alcona.

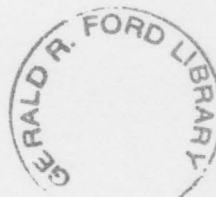
The county said additional sites will help to expand food-processing associated with farming in the area and to attract industries related to gypsum mining.

County officials are working with the Tawas Area Industrial Development Corporation in making the long-range plans for development of the communities.

The Upper Great Lakes Commission is making a \$240,000 grant for the project and EDA, a \$720,000 grant. Iosco County will provide \$842,000 to complete the \$1,802,000 total cost of the improvements.

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MICHIGAN INDIANS
GET EDA GRANT
FOR FARM OPERATION

Approval of a \$127,000 grant to establish a hog farm in the Hannahville Indian Community in Menominee County, Michigan, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Hannahville Indian Community, with headquarters at Wilson, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Reservation officials are establishing the hog farm in connection with the community's overall economic development program aimed at creating jobs and services for tribal members.

They anticipate that the livestock operation will create several jobs for the unemployed and provide a source of low-cost food for the community.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project, including buildings, equipment and an access road.

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WASHINGTON TRIBE
GETS EDA GRANT
TO CREATE JOBS

Approval of a \$155,000 grant to help establish a farming industry on the Kalispel Indian Reservation in Washington was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Kalispel Indian Community, based at Usk, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to develop 250 acres of land along the eastern shore of the Pend Oreille River for farming and ranching on the reservation. The project includes construction of an earth and rock filled dike, land preparation and fencing, hay sheds and installation of a water sprinkler system.

The improvements will enable the tribe to establish a farming-ranching operation and create jobs for tribal members to reduce a high rate of unemployment.

Tribal leaders anticipate that the enterprise will lead to long-range growth and serve as an inducement to private industry to locate food-processing plants on the reservation.

The farming operation is included in the overall economic development plan of the TRICO Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to overcome unemployment and lagging growth in northeastern Washington.

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

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HELENA, MONTANA
GETS EDA GRANT
FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK

Approval of a \$481,000 grant to help stimulate economic growth and create jobs in Helena, Montana, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Helena will use the funds from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, to establish an industrial park just northeast of the city.

Helena is developing the area in connection with the overall economic development program of Lewis and Clark County. The aim of the program is to create permanent year-round jobs and reduce the cyclical nature of employment in the area.

The City of Helena and Lewis and Clark County experience a high rate of unemployment during severe winter conditions. City officials anticipate that the new facility will help to attract light manufacturing plants that can create year-round jobs.

As the capital of the State of Montana and the service center for surrounding communities, Helena has long-range plans to improve transportation facilities to encourage economic growth.

The city also is working on plans for winter tourist activities as a means of increasing employment.

Helena will match the EDA grant to complete the \$962,000 total cost of the new industrial park.

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OKLAHOMA INDIANS
GET EDA GRANT
TO HELP SPUR GROWTH

Approval of a \$394,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs on Indian trust land in Lincoln County, Oklahoma, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Sac and Fox Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, with headquarters at Stroud, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The funds will be used to help develop a recreational vehicle park on tribal trust land south of Stroud. The park site is located on Oklahoma Highway 99.

Tribal officials expect the project will enable the tribe to participate in the commercial growth anticipated in connection with the establishment of an amusement park at Stroud, and increased tourism along Interstate Highways 44 and 40.

The tribe expects the project to create 12 jobs and to generate income for other tribal projects.

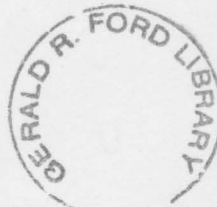
The tribe is establishing the recreational vehicle park in connection with the overall economic development program for the Sac and Fox trust land. The aim of the program is to create jobs through utilization of tribal resources.

The EDA grant will pay the total cost of the project, which includes 40 spaces for recreational vehicles and 15 spaces for mobile homes. The project also includes an administration building with laundry facilities, a swimming pool, showers, a pow-wow pavilion and water and sewer systems.

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TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE
GETS EDA GRANT
FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK

Approval of a \$462,600 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create jobs in Coffee County, Tennessee, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Tullahoma applied 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 eastern section of Tullahoma. The area is adjacent to the Tullahoma Industrial Park and the Arnold Engineering Development Center.

Tullahoma is developing the area in connection with the overall economic development program of the South Central Tennessee Economic Development District. The aim of the multi-county district program is to overcome regional problems and create jobs for the unemployed and underemployed.

The industrial area is in the EDA-recognized Tullahoma-Manchester-Shelbyville growth center of the South Central District.

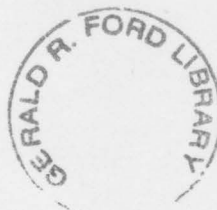
Tullahoma will place special emphasis on attracting firms to provide jobs for graduates of the Motlow State Community College and the Shelbyville Area Vocational School.

The City of Tullahoma will provide \$308,400 to complete the \$771,000 total cost of the project. The EDA grant includes a \$77,100 bonus because Tullahoma and Coffee County are participating in the long-range planning program of the South Central District.

The funds will enable the city to construct an access road, a rail spur and drainage facilities.

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LAUREL, DELAWARE
GETS EDA GRANT
TO CREATE JOBS

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

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

The city will use the funds to expand the municipal water system in connection with plans to encourage existing businesses to enlarge their production capacities and to attract new industries.

The improvements were planned in association with the Delaware Planning Department and the Delmarva Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to stimulate growth on a regional basis.

Local officials are working to make the area attractive to industry and are participating in the program of the Delaware Bureau of Industrial Development to offer inducements to firms.

The City of Laurel will provide \$140,000 to complete the \$350,000 total cost of the construction involving a 300,000 gallon water-storage tank and a 500 gallon-per-minute well. The EDA grant includes a \$35,000 bonus because Sussex County and Laurel are members of the Delmarva District.

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STANDING ROCK TRIBE
GETS EDA GRANT FOR
JOB PROJECT IN S. D.

Approval of a \$332,000 grant to help stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in South Dakota was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, with headquarters at Fort Yates, North Dakota, applied for the funds from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The grant will be used to construct a warehouse and office at McLaughlin, South Dakota, for the Standing Rock Housing Corporation.

Tribal officials said the warehouse will enable the corporation to expand operations and increase its income by proper storage of supplies purchased in large quantities.

The housing corporation manufactures components for modular homes.

The Standing Rock Tribe is building the warehouse in connection with its overall economic development program for the reservation. The aim of the program is to create jobs for the unemployed and underemployed.

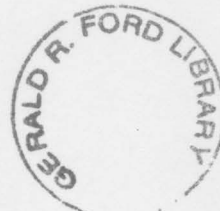
The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project.

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ASHLAND, MAINE
GETS EDA GRANT
TO CREATE JOBS

Approval of a \$172,800 grant to help develop an industrial park and create jobs in Aroostook County, Maine, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Town of Ashland will use the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, to develop the park adjacent to the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad.

The park will be designed according to the recommendations included in an EDA-funded study entitled "Operation Woodchip." The study selected Ashland as the ideal site for an industrial complex that will use the softwood and hardwood timber that grows on 86 percent of the land area surrounding Ashland.

Local officials anticipate that the new facility could create as many as 160 jobs and help to reduce the outmigration of workers.

Ashland is participating in the construction of a vocational-technical school to prepare students for jobs in the forest industries. The community also has expanded its water system, constructed streets and developed recreation projects as part of its economic development process.

The Town of Ashland will provide \$43,200 to complete the \$216,000 total cost of the industrial park project, which includes water, sewer and storm drainage systems and construction of access roads. The EDA grant includes a \$21,600 bonus because Ashland and Aroostook County are participating in the planning program of the Northern Maine Economic Development District, a multi-county organization working to stimulate growth on a regional basis.

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
GETS EDA GRANT
FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK

Approval of a \$307,000 grant to help stimulate diversified economic growth and create new jobs at Stockton, California, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The county will use the grant to help enlarge an industrial park at Metro Airport near Stockton.

San Joaquin County is developing the park in connection with long-range plans to diversify the area's farm-based economy. County officials anticipate that the project will encourage distribution and manufacturing firms to locate operations in the area and create year-round jobs.

This is the second phase of the county's development of the industrial park.

San Joaquin County will match the EDA grant to complete the \$614,000 total cost of the project.

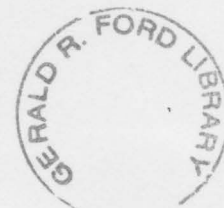
The funds will enable the county to install water and sewer lines and construct streets to provide fully developed sites.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP CONDUCT
SURVEY OF RESEARCH

Approval of a \$15,500 grant to help compile a bibliography of research studies conducted under the auspices of State governments was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The National Association of State Development Agencies, 1925 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The association will conduct a survey of State-directed research for economic development purposes for the past three years. The survey will identify studies by title, State, date of completion, responsible agency or firm. It also will provide information of the objectives, funding and availability of the findings of each research project.

Association officials expect the bibliography to help avoid duplication of research efforts and provide closer working relationships between researchers and officials responsible for carrying out industrial development projects.

The project will help establish systematic communications among States about research activities, the association said.

The National Association of State Development Agencies will provide \$8,000 to complete the \$23,500 total cost of the project.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO AID JOB PROGRAM
AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Approval of a \$306,500 grant to help develop an industrial site and create new jobs in San Diego, California, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The industrial site is located at 41st and Market streets in a southeastern San Diego minority community marked by high unemployment and underemployment.

San Diego is developing the site in connection with the programs of the city's Economic Development Corporation and the Southeast Development Committee.

City officials anticipate that availability of a developed industrial area will encourage local firms to expand operations and make the community attractive to firms seeking locations for new plants. They report previous efforts to attract job-generating industry to the southeastern area of the city have been blocked because of a lack of sites.

The City of San Diego will match the EDA grant to complete the \$613,000 total cost of the project.

The funds will be used to install water and sewer lines and build streets and a rail spur line.

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NORTH DAKOTA COUNTIES
ARE DESIGNATED BY EDA
AS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

A six-county area of North Dakota has become eligible for Federal assistance to plan and carry out projects to stimulate economic growth and create jobs, Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, announced today.

The area was designated as the Lake Agassiz Economic Development District by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

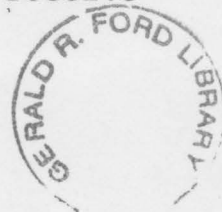
The district is composed of Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele and Traill counties.

The goal of the EDA district program is to encourage adjacent counties to work together to overcome mutual problems blocking growth and to create jobs for residents of 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.

Steele and Traill counties are the district's redevelopment areas. Wahpeton and the urban corridors of Fargo-Fargo West and Ransom-Sargent are the EDA-designated growth centers.

Today's action makes the redevelopment areas eligible for bonuses of 10 percent above what they normally would receive in EDA grants for public works projects.



All areas in the district are eligible for EDA assistance for projects that will benefit residents of the redevelopment areas. All six counties will share in the benefits of long-range planning conducted by the district's staff with the aid of EDA grants.

The Lake Agassiz Resource Conservation Planning and Development Council, with offices at Fargo, is the official organization of the district. Each participating county is represented on the council.

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OSCEOLA, WISCONSIN
GETS EDA, UPPER GREAT LAKES
GRANTS TO STIMULATE GROWTH

Approval of grants totaling \$376,000 to help create jobs at Osceola, Wisconsin, was announced today by the Upper Great Lakes Regional Commission and the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The Village of Osceola will use the Federal grants to develop an industrial park.

The park is needed to provide sites for local industry to expand and to serve as the catalyst to diversify the local economy by attracting new types of industry.

New industry is needed to offer jobs for workers who have become unemployed through the phasing out of a U. S. Air Force Base, the close-down of one plant, and cut-backs in production at a second plant.

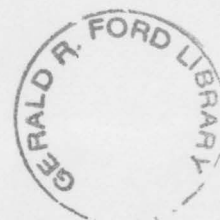
Local officials state that new industrial sites will serve as the first step in the long-range program to revitalize the economy of Osceola to provide jobs so that local residents will not be required to travel to other areas for employment.

The project includes installation of water, sewer and storm-drainage systems, and construction of access roads and a railroad spur.

The Upper Great Lakes Commission is making a \$112,500 grant for the improvements and EDA, a \$263,500 grant. The Village of Osceola will add \$151,000 to complete the \$527,000 total project cost.

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UTICA, NEW YORK
GETS EDA GRANT
FOR IMMEDIATE JOBS

Approval of a \$556,000 grant to help create immediate construction jobs in Oneida County, New York, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The City of Utica applied for the funds from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, to help convert the Utica Memorial Auditorium from a sports-oriented facility to a multi-purpose industrial-commercial convention center.

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

Utica officials say the project will create 55 jobs for the unemployed. The project is expected to get under way within 90 days and be completed within one year.

The City of Utica will provide \$139,000 to complete the \$695,000 total project cost.

The auditorium conversion is part of a downtown revitalization plan to include shops, restaurants, offices, housing, a large hotel-garage and a World Olympic Hall of Fame. Utica is part of the growth center for the multi-county Mohawk Valley Economic Development District, which is working to bring industry and jobs to the valley.

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ROCKY BOY'S RESERVATION
OF MONTANA GETS EDA GRANT
TO HELP CREATE JOBS

Approval of a \$506,000 grant to help create jobs and increase incomes on Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation in Montana was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

The Chippewa Cree Tribe, with offices in Box Elder, applied for the grant from the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

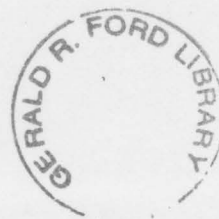
The tribe will use the grant to expand the reservation's farming enterprise, operated by the tribally owned Dry Forks Farms, Inc.

Tribal officials anticipate that the expanded farm program will provide jobs for 25 persons and generate increased income to enable the tribe to strengthen its overall economic development program. The aim of the program is to create jobs through the development of tribal resources.

The EDA grant will meet the total cost of the project -- including the purchase of machinery, rehabilitation of dams and ditches, improvements to access roads and installation of cattle guards, fencing and water facilities.

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EDA APPROVES GRANT
TO HELP MISSISSIPPI
PLAN FOR NEW JOBS

Approval of a \$150,000 grant to help conduct a comprehensive program of planning to stimulate long-range economic growth in Mississippi 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 Office of the Governor, Federal-State Programs.

The funds will be used to help establish an Economic Development Commission.

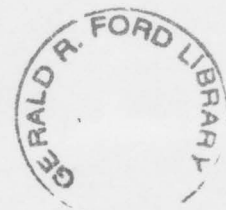
The commission will coordinate activities to create jobs and increase incomes in Mississippi. It will work with multi-county district organizations and local jurisdictions in the development of a uniform planning system to help assure maximum job benefits from public and private investments.

Special assistance will be provided by the commission in the preparation of state-wide economic development projects and activities.

The State of Mississippi will provide \$50,000 to complete the \$200,000 total cost of the program for a year.

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BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN
GETS EDA GRANT TO HELP
CONDUCT JOB PROGRAM

Approval of a \$30,000 grant to help conduct a job and business development program at Benton Harbor, Michigan, was announced today by Wilmer D. Mizell, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development.

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

The funds will be used to help pay administrative costs of establishing an economic development department at Benton Harbor.

The department will conduct a comprehensive program to stimulate industrial and commercial growth to help retain and create jobs. Special emphasis will be placed on revitalizing the inner-city area of the community.

Research will be conducted to help establish job-training programs for the unskilled and unemployed.

Benton Harbor will work with the Berrien County overall economic development program committee and other agencies interested in creating job and business opportunities in the area.

The City of Benton Harbor will provide \$10,000 to complete the \$40,000 total cost of the program for a year.

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