

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-600  
DECEMBER 22, 1997 AGENDA**

**SUBJECT:**

**CENTRAL IOWA EMPLOYMENT AND  
TRAINING CONSORTIUM- 28E AGREEMENT**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

**WILLIAM STOWE  
HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR**

**SYNOPSIS –**

This 28E Agreement between the City of Des Moines and the Central Iowa Employment and Training Consortium (CIETC) provides for the investment of federal job-training money in communities represented in the CIETC "service delivery area".

**FISCAL IMPACT –**

No City funds are used for CIETC. Approximately \$2.5 million in federal grants will be invested annually among the 11 participating governmental units. Approximately 61 percent of the money will be invested in the Polk County and City of Des Moines area. Failure to approve the agreement will result in the loss of the above funds.

**RECOMMENDATION –**

**Approve 28E Agreement between the City of Des Moines and CIETC and appoint a representative to the CIETC Board.**

**BACKGROUND –**

The City has a long-standing 28E Agreement with the CIETC dating back to April, 1983. The Consortium was formed for the purpose of complying with the 1982 Iowa Job Training Partnership Act. It establishes service delivery areas within Iowa, to enhance educational, employment, and training programs for targeted citizens. It also serves as the recipient of state and federal grants, administers the overall program, and acts as a service provider for various educational and job assistance programs.

This agreement, covering the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 2000, is essentially identical to past agreements, with two exceptions. First, the agreement is being expanded to include three new counties: Audubon, Guthrie and Carroll. Second, the agreement has been amended to increase the City's representation on the Board from three to four.

The City's current representatives are Nadine Hamilton and Councilman Thomas Vlassis. The third seat is currently vacant, following the resignation of Councilman Michael McPherson. At this time it would be appropriate to fill the third seat. The fourth representative should be appointed effective July 1, 1998.