

tronic and other capabilities for source finding, determination of capability, and utilization to meet national policies and objectives. The Area Redevelopment Administration's program for the development of source data should be clearly understood in all departments and utilized. Much missionary work with respect to source development and utilization will be done without expense to the Government departments by State and local development commissions, by labor unions, chambers of commerce, and like civic groups.

*24. Make requirements of proposed procurements more readily available*

The subcommittee recommends that agencies such as the DOD, NASA, AEC, and GSA take immediate steps to better develop and utilize all labor surplus sources. This may require, in cases, additional time for procurements, better publicity, more utilization of the daily synopses prepared by the Department of Commerce and like media, educational meetings, and like activities. Methods and procedures for source selection, dissemination of requirements, preparation of requests for proposals, determinations and findings, and like procurement matters should be made available to industry associations (AIA, NSIA, EIA, AOA, and others) and to the aforementioned groups, as well as to requesting contractors. The evaluation techniques utilized in source selection should be carefully spelled out.

EXECUTIVE ACTION—TRAINING ACTIVITIES

*25. Organize task forces to meet with officials of educational institutions, scientific, and industrial groups in all States to help them participate in R. & D. contracts*

Defense, NASA, AEC, and like task forces should be organized to visit and meet with officials of educational institutions, scientific, and industry groups within each of the States to help them establish relationships with the U.S. Government in those regards. The Department of Defense should establish programs for this purpose.

*26. Increase the efforts to educate potential bidders as to bidding procedures and criteria used in bid evaluation*

The subcommittee is aware of and commends the DOD in its activities covering discussions of procurement regulations, technical meetings, and like training activities to afford science and industry knowledge as to the ways and means whereby Government contracts are programed, funded, executed, and performed. The subcommittee believes and recommends that much more can be done in this regard. It is our understanding that many of the industrial associations have agreed to and would work with the DOD in the conduct of meetings and in activities which would bring into effect the national policy considerations in labor surplus areas. In the same regard, the State and local governments have asked for such meetings. It is believed that they should be arranged in all labor surplus areas of the country. Such conferences could be sponsored by the DOD, NASA, GSA, and other agencies and should solicit the participation of prime contractors, subcontractors, and other interested elements of the community. As a part of such conferences, field trips should be undertaken through distressed areas, so that procurement representatives could meet on the spot with firms and civic leaders interested in Defense activities.