

Secretary WIRTZ. We are just in the process of completing that transfer. But, I understand from OEO that it has not undertaken a comprehensive evaluation of Nelson projects.

(The following material was submitted for the record:)

NELSON PROJECTS

TEXAS (WEBB COUNTY) V-330.A-67

This project operates in Laredo, Texas. The manpower problems in this area are typical of those found in any border town. Enrollees to date come primarily from the Latin-American segment of the population. Over one-half of the trainees enrolled to date have had less than a fifth grade education. The primary weaknesses in the program to date have been the lack of adequate work experience sites, duplication of training which could be offered through other manpower programs and the absence of vocational counseling.

The following changes were made in the project renewal as a result of full Labor Department participation:

1. Four full-time vocational counselors will be outstationed in the project.
2. The work experience component will be broadened to provide a wide variety of work experiences for the Title V enrollees.
3. There will be a substantial increase in the adult basic education and institutional vocational instruction components.
4. The adult basic education resources of the adult migrant worker program will be made available to the Title V project.
5. The Labor mobility component has been added to the project.

VIRGINIA (CASWELL COUNTY) V-321

This project operates in an area where employment has been reduced by some 50 percent in the last 10 years, largely due to mechanization of coal mining and agriculture. Of the trainees enrolled to date, the great majority have been male heads of households with little formal education. Almost one-half of them have been forty years of age or over.

To date this project has operated primarily as a work relief program with little or no vocational instruction offered. The following changes were made in the project renewal as a result of Employment Service participation:

1. Two full-time vocational counselors will be outstationed in the project.
2. Work experience will be used for purposes of occupational exploration as well as skill training.
3. There will be a substantial increase in the adult basic education and institutional vocational instruction components.
4. A labor mobility component has been added to the project.

ARKANSAS (PULASKI COUNTY) V-150

Originally the project covered only Lonoke and Prairie Counties. Pulaski County was added in fiscal 1966 and the present project covers only Pulaski County, the other two counties being dropped at the State's request. The trainees enrolled to date have been primarily female heads of household with little formal education.

Almost one-third of the funds approved in fiscal year 1966 were unexpended due primarily to difficulties in enrolling the projected number of participants.

With the participation of the Employment Service in this year's project, it is hoped that the proportion of male heads of household enrolled in the project will be increased and that project enrollment figures will be reached. The proposed level of operations for the year beginning July 1, 1967 is 140 persons at any one time, for whom 60% will be actual welfare recipients (group I) and 40% other needy persons (group II).

The basic weaknesses of this project have been the limited number of occupations offered in work experience, the lack of vocational counseling, and the lack of coordination with other manpower programs operating in the area.

The following changes were made in the project renewal as a result of full Labor Department participation:

1. Two full-time vocational counselors will be outstationed in the project.
2. The work experience component will be broadened to provide a wider variety of work experiences for the Title V enrollees and will include all of the job sites now being utilized in other Labor Department programs.