

4. Improve our knowledge of the labor market so that we can provide current and projected information on job trends, job obsolescence, new jobs, patterns of skill requirements, etc.

It is on this note I would conclude. I have reviewed the economic surveys and related documents prepared by the Chambers of Commerce in the Humboldt region. I am pleased Jeanette Rollison and her staff were able to assist in providing the employment tabulations and the Wage and Salary Schedules for these studies and with her report on "Characteristics of the Eureka Labor Market". By the publication of these documents, you show you recognize the need for a frank appraisal of the facts, facts critical to your economic growth and development. I suggest if this splendid outline of what makes your county tick economically is now supplemented with a skill survey, you will be in a position to merge manpower needs with economic developments. In this climate of facts about our current and projected manpower needs, we can join hands with you to better serve the unemployed worker who finds a mountainous barrier to employment at an age when he has the greatest need for employment in order to house, support and educate his children and to accumulate assets for his retirement years. And in this climate we can provide business, commerce and industry with a competent worker, rich in maturity, fully trained and responsive to the demanding needs of our new technology.

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