

Issue Brief – Jobs Now (Year 2)

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SUMMARY

During the 2005 General Session, the Legislature appropriated \$1 million for the Jobs Now Initiative. This funding was split with one-third going to Utah's traditional higher education institutions and two-thirds going to the Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT). The Analyst recommends additional one-time FY 2007 funding in the amount of \$750,000 to augment the Jobs Now efforts.

OBJECTIVE

The Jobs Now Initiative provides short-term training for high-demand, high-wage careers. Additional funding in the Jobs Now Initiative will allow the program to expand to provide more training to more individuals.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Institutions that wish to receive Jobs Now funding were required to submit proposals outlining how funds would be spent to support training programs and the anticipated results of employment for individuals upon completion of the training. A summary report is also required at the end of the year detailing the efforts of the institution. The following shows the programs that the institutions have selected on which to focus their Jobs Now efforts.

Bridgerland ATC	Practical Nursing, Machine Shop, and Electronics
Davis ATC	Machine Tool Technology and Composite Material Technology
Dixie ATC	Welding and Manufacturing
Mountainland ATC	Transportation
Ogden Weber ATC	Machine Shop, Welding, and Hill Air Force Base Training
Salt Lake Tooele ATC	Automotive Technology, Diesel Technology, and Medical Assisting
Southeast ATC	Mining Technology
Southwest ATC	CNC Machine Shop, Commercial Driver Licensing, and Industrial Maintenance
Uintah Basin ATC	Petroleum Technology, Energy Services Safety, Long Commercial Vehicle, and Pipe Welding

The Analyst recommends a one-time appropriation of \$750,000 to provide Jobs Now services to additional individuals in FY 2007.