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 $250,000 to augment the Jobs Now efforts.

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 serve more training to more individuals.

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:

- Weber State University: Criminal Justice
- Southern Utah University: under development
- Snow College: Practical Nursing
- Utah Valley State College: Welding, Hydraulics, and Electronics
- Salt Lake Community College: Brick and Block Masonry, and Machinists

The Analyst recommends a one-time appropriation of $250,000 to provide Jobs Now services to additional individuals in FY 2007.