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SUMMARY

The Utah College of Applied Technology provides occupationally-specific, intensive training for individuals seeking employment by matching training needs with industry needs. New funding is distributed through a competitive proposal method.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of providing additional funding for Jobs Now is to expand the capacity of the training that UCAT provides and has shown significant results (see Jobs Now Initiative section of Compendium of Budget Information, page 116).

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

UCAT campuses provide training in a variety of fields that the employers in each region need. For example, at the Davis ATC and the Ogden/Weber ATC, composites material training is a specialty to respond to the employers in that area of the State. At the Uintah Basin ATC, petroleum technology and pipe welding is taught because of the need in the energy fields in that area. Other campuses have developed specialty training corresponding with the business and industry in those specific areas. The Analyst recommends \$500,000 be placed on the priority list for the UCAT Jobs Now budget, and allowing the UCAT president to distribute the funds among the campuses where the need is demonstrated.

