

The State Manpower Planning Office also has the responsibility for meeting all Federal grant requirements and for implementing all plans under the CETA Special Grant to the Governor for vocational education and statewide manpower services. Vocational Education services for the Special Grant are developed by the State Department of Education and prime sponsors through jointly developed non-financial agreements. These non-financial agreements are submitted to the State Manpower Planning Office for review and funding by the Chairman of the State Manpower Services Council. Generally speaking, vocational services are classroom training in demand occupational areas as needed in the local labor markets. Funds for statewide manpower service are also allocated under the Special Grant to provide administrative or client services, which are better served from the State perspective. Frequently these funds are utilized to fund experimental programs or projects that will enhance the cooperation and coordination of all manpower and manpower related programs in the State.

As part of the Federal requirements of the Special Grant to the Governor, the State Manpower Planning Office also serves as staff support to the State Manpower Services Council. The State Manpower Services Council replaced the defunct Maryland Manpower Planning Council of the Cooperative Area Manpower Planning System (CAMPS). This council is an advisory body appointed by the Governor to review the plans of all prime sponsors and manpower and manpower related agencies and to make recommendations on the coordination of all manpower efforts in the State. The Chairman of the State Manpower Services Council has been appointed by the Governor and acts on his behalf to fulfill all Federal requirements under Sections 206 and 207 of CETA, Public Law 93-203.

In connection with its administrative role of statewide programs, the State Manpower Planning Office also has the responsibility for all State public service employment positions provided under CETA to all State agencies. The State Manpower Planning Office enters into various contractual ar-

rangements for public service employees with prime sponsors and makes arrangements for the certification, recruitment and selection of personnel, for the development of appropriate State public service jobs, and for the allocation of positions to State agencies.

JOBS FOR VETERANS COMMISSION

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The Jobs for Veterans Commission was established October 29, 1971, by Executive Order, under authority of Article 2, Section 24 of the Maryland Constitution. The Commission was originally created on an emergency basis in order to implement "Operation Thanksgiving", a concentrated publicity effort in the Fall of 1971 wherein Maryland employers were urged to hire returning veterans. Since that time national support for the Jobs for Veterans program has brought the veterans unemployment rate closer to the national average for comparable age groups. Leading veterans organizations at their annual conventions have urged continuing support to programs directly related to the Jobs for Veterans campaign.

The Commission cooperates with and assists the Department of Human Resources in matters directly relating to the obtaining of satisfactory employment for veterans. It promotes and monitors programs and services to veterans by the Maryland Veterans Commission, the Maryland State Employment Service, the Department of Education, and Veterans Representatives at the various service centers within the State. The Commission also monitors promotional campaigns involving veterans. It solicits the endorsement and participation of private businesses, as well as local, State and Federal governments, in a program of priority hiring of veterans, and promotes a greater public awareness of the need to hire them.

Membership in the Commission is comprised of no fewer than 25 members appointed by the Governor, for one-year terms subject to reappointment, plus five ex officio