

Program would help unemployed

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who is heading the county's Private Sector Initiative Program (PSIP), a new federal program authorized under the federal government's Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA). The program is now under way with \$1.4 million to be used in the first year.

PSIP seeks, ultimately, to weld a partnership between government and business by placing CETA eligibles in unsubsidized jobs. It is a shift of CETA funds from public service employment to private-sector jobs.

"We want input and participation from all business in the county on this," Ms. Johnson said. "No matter what size the company, they are the ones who must advise us in what fields these people are needed to be trained. They are the ones who can take these people for on-the-job training and make this program go."

Training will be in the classroom, on-the-job or both, according to the busi-

ness-participant's needs.

"The whole program is a good deal for every one. I think so, or I wouldn't have taken on this job," said the woman who is chairperson of the county's Private Industry Council and owner of Allis-Johnson Personnel in Farmington Hills.

"BESIDE THE obvious, which is taking people off the doles, there is a tremendous advantage to the employers who participate in the program," Ms. Johnson continued. "Private employers who enter the program will receive a supply of employees trained for needed areas."

Targeted jobs are tax credited, authorized by the Revenue Act of 1978, so benefits can be sizable reductions in income tax.

By selecting employees from specified groups, trade or business employers can qualify for credits amounting to as much as one-half the wages paid to each worker for the first year of em-

ployment; one-fourth the wages for the second year.

Eligible employees for PSIP are welfare recipients and the handicapped; supplemental security income recipients; and economically-disadvantaged Vietnam veterans, ex-convicts and those from 16-24-years-old.

This is a particularly good plan for the youth with no marketable skills, the drop-outs," Ms. Johnson said.

Government agencies, schools, rehabilitation centers and veterans' centers have supplied the program with its first batch of prospective trainees, who will be subjected to tests and interviews before the individual is approved to enter training.

"Those interviews should be starting right after the first of the year," Ms. Johnson said.

ALL MEMBERS of the Private Industry Councils, nationwide, must be from private-for-profit business and industry.

In Oakland County, members now represent companies such as Rockwell, Bendix and Borg Warner.

"But we are also represented by a member of Michigan Employment Securities Commission and the UAW," Ms. Johnson said.

"What we need now is for the small businessman to come forth and be part of us."

A comprehensive slide and lecture program spelling out how PSIP works will soon be ready for showing to businesses, no matter what size, and local service clubs.

To become part of the program, or learn more about it, call Ms. Johnson, during office hours at 533-3100.

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Antenna height pondered

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they say is necessary to operate their equipment.

The council set Jan. 21 as the date for a public hearing so radio hobbyists can argue their case.

"There's nothing on the books at the present time to define structure

heights," said Councilman Richard Tupper at Monday's council meeting.

"Let's get something on the books. Right now, we're not in a position to compromise."

City Manager Robert Deadman has not taken a stand on the issue.

"I think strong arguments can be made on both sides," he said.

THE QUESTION of height limitations arose when a Farmington resident was denied permission for a 55-foot radio tower on his property. A hearing before the board of zoning appeals brought to city council's attention the need to clarify the ordinance.

The planning commission recently recommended to city council that radio operators be exempted from the height limitations.

It suggested that prior to installation of radio antenna towers, a notarized statement from the property owners within the safe fall distance of the tower must be filed with the city building department.

Prior to issuance of the permit, the operator would need the same neighbors to indicate they have no aesthetic objection to installation of the antenna tower.

police contract

required to be on call while off duty will receive six additional days of off time annually in compensation for being on call 182 days a year.

A contract for the recently organized five member police command officers association is still under negotiation.

Cost of living provisions provided in last year's contract have been raised from 17 cents per year to 19 cents the second year of the contract and 20 cents the third year.

Council ratifies

"THIS IS BENEFICIAL to the city and to the employee," Deadman said. "The city will be able to save its proportionate share of the FICA payments and Workmen's Compensation Insurance payments."

"The employee benefits through tax savings."

In the third year, the contract requires the payment of time and a half for holiday work. Investigators who are



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