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DOL

15. National Activities/Programs

BACKGROUND

- Traditionally, national activities have been different in scope and purpose for DOL and DOE. DOL's efforts include Secretary's discretionary funds for dislocated workers, funding for Indian and migrant training, technical assistance, funding for one-stops and labor market information, research, evaluation and demonstrations. DOE's efforts have included vocational education funding for the National Center for Research in Vocational Education, NAVE, tribally controlled post-secondary institutions, curriculum centers, and demonstrations. Adult education funding has included evaluation and technical assistance and the National Institute for Literacy. School-to-work also has national activities focusing on program improvement.
- The President's request for FY 1997 funding for both departments was \$660 million.
- National program funding for education has dropped from \$50 million in FY 1994 to \$16 million in FY 1996 [see below].

VOCATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION: NATIONAL PROGRAMS	1994	1995	1996	1997 Request
Vocational Education:				
Research:				
NCRVE	6.000	6.000	4.500	6.000
NAVE	0.300	--	--	3.000
NOICC	4.960	4.250	--	--
Curriculum Centers	0.900	--	--	--
Other research	2.462	0.851	0.500	8.081 ⁽¹⁾
Demonstrations	23.455	--	--	--
Tribally controlled postsec. institutions	2.946	2.919	2.919	2.919
SUBTOTAL	41.023	14.020	7.919	20.000
Adult Education:				
Evaluation & technical assistance	3.928	3.900	3.000 ⁽²⁾	5.000
NIFL	4.909	4.862	4.869	5.000
SUBTOTAL	8.837	8.762	7.869	10.000
TOTAL	49.860	22.782	15.788	30.000

(1) Includes data systems.

(2) Estimate.

TALKING POINTS

- National activities are vital to provide funds for the development of new ideas and for sharing what we have learned that works effectively across the country.

- National activities provide funds for independent research and evaluation activities on major programs without which we would have no record of the effectiveness of the federal investment.
- DOL National activities serve the important function of providing training to workers experiencing a layoff at work.
- Without this national funding, Indians, migrants and seasonal farm workers would not receive education and training services.
- Adult education programs rely on national technical assistance to improve their effectiveness.