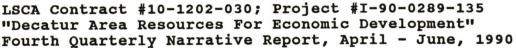


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As our project year draws to a close, we find that most of our original objectives have been met--with some of the project's accomplishments exceeding our expectations.

We began the quarter with an area-wide radio promotion of the services offered by the BIC and mini-centers. Radio spots were made by librarians from all five libraries, and ran 12 times per week for a three week period. These spots also tied into National Library Week and encouraged general library usage. Other radio spots will be aired at the end of the project year, to extend promotion of the BIC into project year two.

One of the new services promoted was the availability of two Epson computers and a laser printer. This hardware was purchased in April, and is currently equipped with WordPerfect software for word processing, dBase for database management, and the Harris Illinois Industrial Directory on floppy disk. In addition, Dun's Million Dollar Disc on CD-ROM was tested for 30 days. This database is being considered for purchase, along with a compatible database known as Compact Disclosure.

Both computers are available for public use, and they are currently in use 4-6 hours per day. A news release announcing their availability appeared in a June issue of the <u>Decatur Herald & Review</u>, so we expect usage to pick up in the near future.

One of the computers has also been used by the BIC Project Coordinator to produce the BIC Newsletter and a publication that will be titled the <u>Business Resource Directory for Decatur-Macon County</u>. This directory will consist of information about area agencies that serve the business community, similar to the social service directories many communities publish. It will be published annually and distributed throughout the Decatur-Macon County area. The computer database will be updated regularly as well, so that the most current information will always be available at the BIC. We expect the 1990 directory to be printed in July, as the computer database is now completed.

Our first quarterly newsletter was mailed in May, and was well received judging from the number of inquiries we have already had concerning our fax service and the videocassettes collection.

A workshop entitled "Take This Job...And Love It" was presented at the Decatur Public Library on Friday, June 29. The presenter was Career Management Consultant Jane Shuman of Springfield, IL. Forty people from a variety of occupations attended this 6-hour workshop, which focused on improving one's job environment and work habits. Much was done to promote this workshop, including announcements at Chamber of Commerce meetings, news releases, and radio interviews. We feel that attendance would have been somewhat higher if the workshop had been held at a different time of year.

Cooperation has increased during this past year between the BIC and other agencies promoting economic development in Decatur/Macon County. The most exciting occurrence has been the forming of the Economic Development Coordinating Committee, composed of members representing all agencies that promote economic development in Decatur and Macon County. The Committee meets monthly, and each meeting is held at a different agency. The BIC Project Director and Project Coordinator share the responsibility of attending these meetings, and have found them to be an excellent source of local economic development information. Recently, the Project Coordinator worked with other committee members to develop a flowchart that clearly explains the process an entrepreneur should follow when starting a business.

Some of the mini-center libraries have been working with the Richland Community College Business Development Center to design workshops for their local businesses. The Forsyth Public Library is designing a workshop for mall merchants, which will be held at the Hickory Point Mall in the fall. Friends Creek District Library also plans to hold a workshop in the near future, and will be hosting a meeting to form an economic development group for the Argenta-Oreana area. The Barclay District Library in Warrensburg is also hoping to host a workshop for area merchants this fall.

Looking towards the second year of our project, preliminary plans have been made for funding of the BIC and mini-centers once LSCA funds are no longer available. Active, retired businesspersons have been contacted as we prepare to establish a committee that will coordinate ongoing funding of the BIC. A long-range financial plan will be developed, to include: solicitation of funds from area businesses and corporations, application for grant funds from public and private foundations, fee-based services, and continued support from the libraries sponsoring the project.

The future of the Business Information Center network is bright as usage continues to grow. By providing a needed service for the Decatur-Macon County area, we hope to gain continued support from our community to ensure a lasting program.

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