NEDCO NEWS

NEDCO, A Nevada Economic Development Company, A Division of the Office of Minority Business Enterprise, U.S. Department of Commerce is currently attempting to identify all minority sub-contractors and contractors in the building trades. NEDCO is in receipt of a number of inquiries from Government agencies, county, and city, as to the availability of minority contractors and their particular trades. Any minority contractor interested should contact NEDCO at 384-3293 and ask for Bob Bailey or Gil Flores.

It is anticipated that more than a million dollars of contracts will be let in this fiscal year directed toward assisting minority contractors in getting into the main stream. It is also necessary that minority contractors be on register with the NEDCO office in order to get information to them by mail as it is received.

NEDCO, in cooperation with the Small Business Administration is presently planning a minority contractors conference for the latter part of September (specific dates and time will be forthcoming)

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particular needs of the physically and mentally impaired older persons including special transportation and escort services, homemaker, home health and shopping services, reader services, letter writing services, and other services designed to assist such individuals in leading a more independent life."

McSweeney said the entire new act which updates the Older Americans Act of 1965 increases the possiblity of potential new programs which leaves the door open for a vast amount of creativity at the local level in Nevada to help its senior citizens. However, funds will have to be enacted by Congress to generate the various Titles of the Act.

VA Questions & Answers

Q--Do VA pensioners have to file. A recent law excludes pensioners have to file annual in-come questionnaires anymore? have to file. A recent law excludes pensioners 12 years old and older who draw benefits during two consecutive

law excludes pensioners 72 years old and older who draw benefits during two consecutive years from filing annual income questionnaires. However, they still must report changes in income.

Q--What should I do if my VA benefit check does not arrive on time?

A--Two things. (a) Wait long enough to be sure the mails have cleared. (b) Write to the VA regional ffice which has your claim file, including your name if you're a veteran, or the deceased veteran's name if it is a death claim, and your claim number. Never write the Treasury Department, as this will only prolong the delay in receiving your check.



Rochelle Atkinson poses with giant Armenian cucumber, while brother Christopher displays giant zucchini squash which are but two of great variety of vegetables home-grown by their parents Mr. & Mrs. Harding Atkinson at 1300 Wyatt Avenue.

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Many minority individuals have acquired skills in construction trades without union apprenticeship indenture.

Sources of these skills include vocational training, military schools, on-the-job training and other activities. Unfortunately, since many of these outside sources are not recognized, no credit is given the individual for journeyman standing.

Because of the lack of the recognition, a large number of these skilled people are required to seek and obtain employment in lesser skilled, low-

In order to identify those skilled, under-employed persons, as well as young people desiring to enter the construction fields, interested individuals should complete the attached questionnaire and mail or bring it to one of the addresses shown below.

Nevada, particularly Las Vegas, is experiencing one of the greatest booms since the days of the "Mother Lode." All of her residents should be given the opportunity to share in this expanding economy.

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