

The President's 2007 Budget for the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) includes the transfer of YouthBuild from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to DOL's ETA. The White House Task Force Report on Disadvantaged Youth had recommended such a transfer because the program is "at its core, an employment and training program for disadvantaged youth, and will benefit from administrative oversight in DOL within the Employment and Training Administration . . ."

As the Task Force report noted, YouthBuild aligns directly with ETA's demand-driven focus and the need to create a prepared and competitive workforce. As the federal agency most responsible for bringing employment services to youth, logic also dictates integrating YouthBuild into ETA's portfolio.

YouthBuild features academic and occupational skills training for at-risk youth in construction, one of ETA's high growth industries. Transferring YouthBuild would provide the program with better contacts with One-Stop Career Centers, stronger ties to DOL's apprenticeship programs, new links to the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative, improved partnerships with the community college system, and stronger connections to DOL's national business and other partners.

For FY 2007, \$50 million is being requested.

