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## MODEL CITIES CONTRACT TENDERED TO DENVER, COLORADO

Secretary George Romney of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development today announced the tender of a \$5,766,000 Model Cities contract to Denver, Colo.

Denver will also be given support from other programs administered by HUD, and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Department of Labor, the Office of Economic Opportunity and the National Foundation for the Arts and Humanities.

Today's action by Secretary Romney will enable Denver to begin the first-year action phase under its comprehensive five-year Model Cities program. State, county, local and private resources will also be used by the city in its concentrated, coordinated attack on the serious social, economic and physical problems within the Model Cities area.

Secretary Romney, who is Chairman of the President's Cabinet Committee on Voluntary Action, noted the extensive private and public involvement in the Denver program. Volunteer groups will be active during the first-year action program. For example, the Metro Denver Fair Housing Center, Inc. will operate the Housing Finance and Development project. The city also proposes to enlist the Advisory and Investment Group to operate the Consultive Services Organization project. The Board of Directors of this organization includes the industrial and commercial leaders of Denver as well as residents of the model neighborhood.

Several United Fund agencies are also participating in the Denver Model Cities program, including the Metro Denver Child Care Association and the Metropolitan Council for Community Services. It is planned that the construction trade unions will conduct two manpower projects and the Urban League will be involved in a pre-apprenticeship training program.

Commenting on the decision to tender a contract, Secretary Romney explained that this was done after a careful review of the Denver comprehensive plan. The plan was thoroughly studied and

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analyzed both by the Regional and Washington Interagency Review Committees representing those Federal departments and agencies with urban aid programs.

"During the past several months, Denver has done an excellent job in revising its proposals and improving its capability to operate in the first-year action program," he said.

A total of 150 communities in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are participating in the Model Cities program. The first applications for planning grants were approved in November 1967.

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Note: A summary of the Denver Model Cities program is available upon request to the Office of Public Affairs, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D. C. 20410.

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