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MODEL CITIES CONTRACT TENDERED TO TRINIDAD, COLORADO

Secretary George Romney of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development today announced the tender of a \$1,225,000 Model Cities contract to Trinidad, Colorado.

Trinidad will also be given substantial support from other programs administered by HUD, and by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Department of Labor and the Office of Economic Opportunity.

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

Civic, business, educational, welfare, medical and professional groups were involved in the planning process, and will also participate in the first year action phase.

Officials of several organizations active in the Trinidad program include the President of the Chamber of Commerce, the Superintendent of the Nursing Home and the President of Trinidad State Junior College. Among the private groups involved are the Southern Colorado Railroads Association which will donate a building to house a Juvenile Youth Offenses Center and the Historical Society which will restore a store facade as a demonstration of historic preservation.

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Commenting on the decision to tender a contract, Secretary Romney explained that this was done after a careful review of the Trinidad comprehensive plan. The plan was thoroughly studied and 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, Trinidad has done an excellent job in revising its proposals and improving its capability to operate its 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 Trinidad 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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