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HUD MODEL CITIES CONTRACT TENDERED TO BOSTON

Secretary George Romney of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development today announced the tender of a \$7,718,000 Model Cities contract to Boston, Mass.

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

Today's action by Secretary Romney will enable the city 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 the Chairman of the President's Cabinet Committee on Voluntary Action, noted the extensive private involvement in the Boston program.

The Boston Model Cities Administration has obtained commitments of funds and services from local corporations, private organizations and universities. Among the groups to be involved in manpower and economic development are the Boston Urban Foundation and the National Alliance of Businessmen. The Contractors Association of Boston Institute will work with the housing development program.

The Urban League will operate two innovative educational programs with curricula developed by five institutions-- Wheelock, Boston University, Boston College, Simmons and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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

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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, Boston 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 Boston 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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