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MONTANA TECHNICAL SERVICES ADVISORY
COUNCIL DISCUSSES 67 PROGRAM HERE

The Montana Technical Services Advisory Council met in Missoula Thursday (June 16) to review the 1967 Annual Plan submitted under the State Technical Services Act of 1965.

The council's review of the plan is one step in getting it funded. Participating institutions, the University of Montana, Missoula; Montana State University, Bozeman; and the School of Mines and Mineral Technology, Butte, each submit proposals. The proposals are designed to promote and encourage economic growth and higher levels of employment by enabling Montana businessmen and industrialists to more easily acquire and use scientific and technological information and the latest management techniques.

The Advisory Council serves as a board of review for proposed projects under the STS act. After proposals have been screened by the Montana University Technical Services Council, the Advisory Council reviews the proposals to determine whether they will fulfill the determined needs of the state.

Then the plan is submitted to the Governor and he will submit the plan to the Secretary of Commerce, the designated administrator of the program.

The UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research under the directorship of Dr. Norman E. Taylor was designated last January by Governor Tim Babcock as the administrator of the Montana program.

Under consideration by the advisory council are 18 programs, seven submitted by UM, seven by MSU, three by Montana Tech and one from the State Planning Board.

The proposals include the amount of funds to be furnished by the Federal government--a like amount is to be provided by the proposal.

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Some of the UM proposals are Economic Management and Forest Properties Seminar, \$680; Soil Management Workshop, \$1,600; Real Estate Education Proposal, \$9,900; Management Seminar for Montana AF of L and CIO business agents, \$1,400.

Proposals from MSU include a Technical Services Group for Industry in Montana, \$16,000; a School for Municipal and Industrial Water and Waste Treatment Personnel, \$1,900; and Montana Tech proposes a Directory of Montana Scientists and Engineers, \$10,000 and publication of a Popular and Well Illustrated Explanation and Description of Mining Methods and Equipment, \$2,000.

Total cost of the proposed program is \$145,411, with Montana funds amounting to \$73,909 and Federal funds amounting to \$71,502.

The council consists of twelve members appointed by the Governor to provide balanced representation from the state's various industries.

The council members are Tom Haines and George Hammond of Missoula, Mark Schoknecht of Libby, Paul Matteucci and Lee Walker of Great Falls, Sam Chapman, James O'Connell and John Morrison of Helena, Stanley Lane of East Helena, Hal Kanzler and Edward Shea of Butte and Clyde Cromwell of Laurel.