MASSACHUSETTS AFL/CIO-BOSTON COLLEGE WORKER EDUCATION GRANT

The Massachusetts AFL/CIO-Boston College Workers Education Grant is completing its first year. The project's mandate is to work with highly impacted unions in the Commonwealth to provide regional and industrial profiles, area educational directories and educational forums for members. Present work locations include the ILGWU in Fall River, Local 5 Shipbuilders in Quincy and UAW Local 422 in Framingham.

In Fall River, the project is working with the ILGWU to match laid off workers and job postings, place D.E.S. counselors in the union hall for workers and facilitate the organizing of a CRIL program in the area. Educational forums and a retraining and educational directory for the area will be available in October.

At the Quincy shipyard, the project is working with Local 5 shipbuilders on a skills assesment apprenticeship program in the yard. Educational forums and a retraining directory for the area will be available in the late fall.

With the UAW Local 422, the project is currently working with the joint ed-education committee at the G.M. assembly plant on a human resources assesment to work toward a skills assesment in order to establish a retraining program for the plant. Educational forums and a retraining directory for the area will be available in the spring of 1985.

The worker education project will be working with SEIU 285 beginning in October and would like to work in the future with other highly impacted locals (e.g. teachers, machine tool workers, electrical workers).

If your local is interested in working with the worker education project during the next two years, contact Maureen Ferris, Project Coordinator at the Massachusetts AFL/CIO, 8 Beacon Steet, Boston, Ma. 02108, (617) 227-8260.