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Senator Wynona Lipman (D-Essex) and Assemblyman Willie Brown (D-Essex) introduced legislation in the Senate and Assembly today to restore funding for the Newark Construction Trades and Training Council. Although \$200,000 was appropriated for this affirmative action program in the current fiscal year, no funding has been provided by the Governor or Joint Appropriations Committee for the next fiscal year.

This program has been characterized as the most successful affirmative action program in the country. In the past six years since NCTTC was created, it has recruited, classified, trained and referred 800 minority construction workers and trainees. As of December 31, 1977, these men and women had earned approximately \$64-million in wages as a result of the Newark Plan and the successful operation of its major component, NCTTC. Among the major construction projects on which they worked and were trained are the following: NEW JERSEY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY, NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ESSEX COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ESSEX COUNTY SKILLS CENTER, IDEAL TOY COMPANY, NEWARK HOUSING AUTHORITY--CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, NEWAR, BOARD OF EDUCATION--CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, GIANT STADIUM AND MEADOWLAND RACETRACK, EAST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION--CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, NEW JERSEY HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY--SPONSORED CONSTRUCTION IN NEWARK, CITY OF NEWARK SPONSORED CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION.

in explaining their bill, the legislators said, "We have introduced this bill in behalf of those minority men and women in New Jersey who want training and employment in this important industry. On behalf of these public officials and contractors who must have an available mechanism to assist them in carrying out the responsibilities the law imposes on them. We will ask the Appropriations Committee to consider this bill as quickly as possible and reinstate funding for this worthy affirmative action program."

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