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The Center for Applied Urban Research (CAUR) continued to provide research, technical assistance, and training services to state and local governments, foundations, and nonprofit organizations during fiscal year 1985. The CAUR continued to be involved in international research activity through the Omaha-Manila Applied Projects Program. Nebraska communities that received CAUR assistance include: Omaha, Lincoln, Scottsbluff, Nebraska City, Wayne, Gothenburg, Chadron, Alliance, and LaVista. State agencies served include: the Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, the Department of Social Services, and the Department of Health. Nonprofit organizations that benefited from work performed at CAUR include: the Community Housing Resources Board; CPL, Inc.; United Catholic Social Services; Council Bluffs Senior Citizens Center; Omaha Jewish Federation; the Local Initiatives Support Corporation; and the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

Some CAUR highlights during 1984-85 include:

- Completing the third year as contractor for the national office of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and extending the contract for another year.
- Hosting three exchange researchers from the University of the City of Manila. Dr. Roberto Lazaro, Dr. Natividad Naciencento, and Ms. Bernadette Tong participated in the Omaha-Manila Applied Projects Program. They conducted research in areas such as comparative city administration, primary health care, and educational delivery systems.
- Employing 36 students part-time. The students acquired several research-related skills as part of their experience, including interviewing, data management, and computer skills.

The CAUR will continue to provide assistance to organizations and communities in fiscal year 1986. Some major projects planned for the coming year include a national study of job matching programs for the developmentally disabled and a study of Omaha's homeless. The CAUR will provide support services to researchers in the Criminal Justice Department and the Goodrich Program at UNO who are conducting a national study on the effects of legislation that reformed sexual assault laws.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Secretariat (5/83 to 6/86)

The national office for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) is located at the CAUR. The contract specifies that CAUR staff provide a variety of services, such as, preparation of various publications and logistical support for the annual meeting, to the ACJS board and membership. The ACJS is one of two national professional organizations in the field of criminal justice research and education.

Vincent Webb is the project director. Funding for this project is approximately $100,000.
Automated Word Processing Requirements for the City of Omaha (4/84 to 12/84)

Automated word processing requirements for all city departments were analyzed. The study required extensive data gathering and observation and resulted in recommendations for the number and location of word processing work stations.

Donald F. Norris was the principal investigator. Funding was by the city of Omaha. ($7,450)

Census Data Products

About 106 requests for census data were answered last year. Inquiries from outside Nebraska and Iowa increased during the last three years. Most of the requests were from marketing firms that needed demographic information about Omaha and its surrounding communities for business clients.

Census data were also provided to state agencies, state senators' offices, and the governor's office.

Community Housing Resource Board (2/84 to 5/85)

Local fair and equal opportunity housing issues, selected by the Community Housing Resource Board were researched. This information served as the basis for a half-hour video produced for local commercial and public television.

R. K. Piper was the principal investigator with Donald F. Norris and Vincent Webb. Funding was by the Community Housing Resource Board. ($22,900)

Data Processing Analysis and Recommendations for the City of Alliance (3/85 to 6/85)

The current data processing system was analyzed and recommendations for the data processing needs were made.

Donald F. Norris was the principal investigator. Funding was by the city of Alliance. ($2,800)

Data Processing Analysis and Recommendations for the City of Chadron (11/84 to 1/85)

The current data processing system was analyzed and recommendations for the data processing needs were made.

Donald F. Norris was the principal investigator. Funding was by the city of Chadron. ($1,000)

Data Processing Analysis and Recommendations for the City of Gothenburg and Dawson County, Nebraska (11/83 to 1/85)

This report presented an analysis and recommendations of the data processing needs of the city of Gothenburg. Technical assistance was provided for preparing a request for proposals and a proposed contract and for evaluating proposals.
Donald F. Norris and Rebecca Fahrlander were the principal investigators. Funding was by the city of Gothenburg and Dawson County. ($11,905)

Data Processing Analysis and Recommendations for the City of Nebraska City (4/84 to 3/85)

This report presented an analysis with recommendations regarding the data processing needs of Nebraska City. It provided city officials with information about their data processing needs.

Donald F. Norris was the principal investigator. Funding was by the city of Nebraska City. ($5,000)

Data Processing Analysis and Recommendations for the Papio Natural Resources District (12/83 to 2/85)

The staff provided technical assistance to the Papio Natural Resources District in acquiring an electronic data processing system to automate its office management and engineering functions. Assistance included assessing needs, issuing a request for proposals, evaluating vendor bids, and recommending a system.

David R. DiMartino was the principal investigator. Funding was by the Papio Natural Resources District. ($5,750)

Data Processing Analysis and Recommendations for the City of LaVista, Nebraska (6/84 to 11/84)

LaVista's electronic data processing needs were assessed. The city's present electronic data processing system was evaluated and recommendations for expansion were made.

The principal investigators were Vincent Webb and Donald F. Norris. Funding was by the city of LaVista. ($1,500)

Housing Survey for the Urban Development Department of the City of Lincoln (12/83 to 3/85)

This project provided technical and professional assistance in a survey of housing, vacant land, and neighborhood conditions for every parcel of land in the city of Lincoln.

R. K. Piper was the principal investigator. Funding was by the city of Lincoln. ($44,616)

Inventory of Vacant Parcels of Land in South Omaha (9/83 to 10/84)

This inventory was performed for Catholics, Presbyterians, and Lutherans, Inc.

R. K. Piper was the principal investigator. Funding was by CAUR.
Juveniles in Jails for Adults (1/84 to 5/85)

This study was undertaken to determine if Nebraska could comply with federal guidelines established by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act for removing juveniles from jails and lockups for adults. Information was derived from literature, official data on juveniles in Nebraska jails, a study of alternative detention facilities, and a survey of sheriffs. In addition, a policy analysis of Nebraska laws and proposed changes in the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act law was undertaken.

Vincent Webb was the principal investigator, assisted by Rebecca Fahrlander and Carole Davis. Funding was by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. ($9,848)

Local Initiatives Support Corporation of New York City (3/84 to 10/84)

The purpose of this study was to assist community organizations in Omaha identify properties for rehabilitation or sites for construction of new housing. Members of the organizations were also trained to prepare other types of housing analyses, such as, financial projections, market analyses, and financial packages for development.

Jack Ruff was the principal investigator. Funding was by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation. ($4,500)

Omaha-Manila Applied Projects Program (10/83 to 9/86)

This project consists of an exchange of researchers between the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of the City of Manila, in the Philippines. The researchers are collaborating on a number of applied research projects in areas such as primary health care, educational delivery systems, and city administration.

Vincent Webb and Roberto Lazaro are project directors. Funding is by the U.S. International Communications Agency. ($25,000)

Survey Results and Demographic Data for United Catholic Social Services' Family Services (1/85 to 5/85)

The CAUR compiled two types of information for the United Catholic Social Services (UCSS) for their long-range program planning. First, demographic data were compiled and mapped to show the areas of greatest need. Second, secular and nonsecular parish leaders were interviewed to identify the perceived need, attraction, and use of UCSS counseling services.

David R. DiMartino and Vincent Webb were the principal investigators. Funding was by the United Catholic Social Services. ($1,650)

A Market Analysis for Nebraska City (2/85 to 5/85)

An analysis of the buying habits of residents living within 45 miles of Nebraska City was conducted to determine the city's primary market area. The survey showed that most of the residents shop in Nebraska City, that patronage
decreases dramatically as distance of residence from Nebraska City increases, and that patronage varies significantly with direction from the city. Patronage by type of goods, satisfaction with available goods, and improvements (completed and needed) and general satisfaction with the central business district were identified.

David R. DiMartino was the principal investigator. Funding was by the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce. ($4,516)

A Survey Analysis of the Council Bluffs Senior Citizens Center Programs and Participants (6/84 to 2/85)

The Council Bluffs Senior Citizens Center's programs and participation in the programs were analyzed. A survey of Council Bluffs' older citizens revealed a general awareness of and satisfaction with current programs and a desire for additional social and educational programs. A listing of participants was created and automated, and a master mailing list was developed.

Jack Ruff and David R. DiMartino were the principal investigators. Funding was by the Council Bluffs Senior Citizens Center. ($2,000)

Data Processing Analysis and Recommendations for the City of Wayne (11/83 to 2/85)

The CAUR staff provided technical assistance to the city of Wayne in acquiring an electronic data processing system to automate its office management functions. Assistance included assessing needs, issuing a request for proposals, evaluating vendor bids, and recommending a contractor.

David R. DiMartino and Rebecca Fahrlander were the principal investigators. Funding was by the city of Wayne. ($3,500)

Evaluation of the Economic Impact of Locating an Improved Strategic Air Command Museum Along I-80 between Omaha and Lincoln (5/85 to 7/85)

The economic effects of locating a major museum along I-80 are being evaluated.

Murray Frost is the principal investigator. Funding is by Henningson, Durham, and Richardson. ($1,475)

Omaha Jewish Community Demographic Needs Assessment Study (1/84 to 10/85)

This study updates and analyzes Jewish demographic patterns in Omaha and assesses the Jewish community's needs.

Murray Frost is the principal investigator. Funding is by the Omaha Jewish Federation. ($3,025)

Projections of Occupational Supply and Demand for the Omaha Area for 1990 (10/84 to 7/85)

The supply and demand for labor in the Omaha area are being projected for 1990.
Murray Frost is the principal investigator. Funding is by the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce. ($10,000)

Models and Strategies for Finding the Least Restrictive Work Environment for Developmentally Disabled Persons (10/84 to 9/85)

This study identifies private and public resources that provide and promote job training and employment opportunities for the developmentally disabled. Exemplary models of training, transition, and employment programs are described, and strategies for using the models to develop job training and employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities are identified.

The principal investigators are Floyd Waterman and Carole Davis. Funding is provided by the Nebraska Department of Health. ($58,962)

Data Processing Analysis and Recommendations for the City of Scottsbluff (1/84 to 6/85)

The CAUR staff is overseeing the implementation of a new data processing system.

Donald F. Norris is the principal investigator. Funding is by the city of Scottsbluff. ($6,633)

Data Processing Analysis and Recommendations for the City of Seward (1/84 to 6/85)

This report gave an analysis with recommendations regarding the data processing needs of the city of Seward. Information concerning the status of data processing and the city's need for information management were provided. Technical assistance was given in preparing a request for proposals and evaluating proposals received.

Donald F. Norris was the principal investigator. Funding was by the city of Seward.

Omaha Area Food Bank (5/84 to 12/84)

The Omaha Area Food Bank was assisted in determining their requirements for automation and in selecting a multiuser microcomputer system.

Donald F. Norris was the principal investigator. Funding was by CAUR.

Microcomputers in Small Local Governments (7/84 to 12/85)

Ten workshops on microcomputers and local government will be presented for local government officials around the United States. Ten case studies concerning the application of microcomputer technology to local governments will be completed.

Donald F. Norris is the principal investigator. Funding is by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. ($40,542)
OUTSTATE AND OUT-OF-STATE ACTIVITIES

The CAUR staff continued to provide consulting services and training to communities and groups in Nebraska and to some out-of-state groups, including:

- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- American Society for Public Administration, Section on Science and Technology in Government
- Census data were provided to state agencies, state senators' offices, and the governor's office
- Technical assistance for data processing was provided to Gothenburg, Nebraska City, LaVista, Wayne, Chadron, Alliance, Seward, Scottsbluff, Dawson County, and Papio Natural Resources District.

PUBLIC, COMMUNITY, AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

The following is a list of the public, community, and university service activities of the CAUR staff.

Data and Documents Library

The CAUR data and documents library is used by the public, university students and staff, and the CAUR staff. During fiscal year 1985, 117 publications were added to the library, bringing the number of volumes to nearly 2,000. The library currently receives about 45 periodicals. The staff processed 1,062 requests for information from outside the CAUR this year.

Conferences and Workshops

The CAUR staff participated in the following conferences, meetings, and workshops by attending, presenting papers, and serving on committees.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
American Cancer Society
American Heart Association
American Planning Association
American Sociological Association
American Society for Public Administration
Association of American Geographers
Conference on the Future of Sanitary Improvement Districts
European Studies Conference
Forum on Entering the 21st Century
Labor/Industry Council
Microcomputers and local government workshops in Pasadena, CA; Tempe, AZ; Athens, GA; Grand Island, NE; Indianapolis, IN; Lexington, KY; Richmond, VA; and Washington, DC
Nebraska Association of County Officials
National Association of Housing Rehabilitation Officials
National Association of Neighborhoods
Nebraska Association of Resource Districts
Community Service

Members of the CAUR staff contributed technical advice, assisted with workshops and programs, prepared publications, and provided other services to the following community organizations.

Boy Scouts of America
Calvin Cultural Learning Center
Catholic Social Services
Center Industries
Chamber of Commerce
Chicano Awareness Center
Community Housing Resource Board
Crime Commission, Juvenile Justice Task Force
Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging
Eastern Nebraska Community Office of Retardation
Elks
Franklin Community Federal Credit Union
Governor's Task Force on Employing the Handicapped
Greater Omaha Area Resource Council
Greater Omaha Community Action Planning Task Force
Great Plains Black Museum
Kearney State College
Menninger Foundation
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Metropolitan Technical Community College
Metropolitan Utilities District
Nebraska Arts Council
Omaha Area Food Bank
Omaha Board of Realtors
Omaha Employer Sponsored Child Care Task Force
Saint James Parish
Sokol Foundation
Union Pacific
Urban Housing Foundation
Urban League
Wesley House
Womens Bureau, Department of Labor

Service to the University and CPACS

Contributions by the CAUR staff to the university and CPACS include:

Department of Economic Development, University of Nebraska at Lincoln
Faculty Senate
Goodrich Program
International Research Panel
Shizuoka Scholarship Committee
University of Nebraska at Omaha Research Awards Committee
PUBLICATIONS

The CAUR staff can write, edit, typeset, layout, and paste up a variety of publications. The office processed 130 printing orders last year.

Review of Applied Urban Research--Five issues were published during fiscal year 1985. The Review contains summary articles of research reports, census data, and articles written especially for the publication. Copies are distributed to about 2,200 individuals.

Newsletters--During the last fiscal year the CAUR staff published:

ACJS Today--national newsletter of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

News Notes--newsletter of the Midwest Criminal Justice Association

SSTIG Update--newsletter of the Section on Science and Technology in Government, American Society for Public Administration

Friendship Force News--newsletter of the Greater Omaha Friendship Force Club

Studies and Reports

Microcomputers and Local Governments: A Handbook (Norris)


Data Processing Analysis and Recommendations For the City of Nebraska City, Nebraska (Norris)

Small Local Governments and Information Management (Norris)

Survey of Cox Cable Subscribers (Webb and Hofer)

Soroban (Abacus) to Silicon Chip (Waterman)

Juveniles in Nebraska Jails and Lockups (Webb, Fahrlander, Porter, Hoffman, and Schutz)

Automated Word Processing Requirements for the City of Omaha (Norris)

Preliminary Projections of Major Occupational Supply and Demand for the Omaha Area for 1990 (Frost)

Land Use and Housing in the City of Manila (Nacianceno and Waterman)

A Comparison of the Corporate Structures and Delivery of City Services in Omaha and Manila (Lazaro and Waterman)

A Survey Analysis of the Council Bluffs Senior Citizens Center Programs and Participants (DiMartino)
Enrollment Potential for St. James Church School During the 1980's (DiMartino)

Evaluation of Proposals for an Electronic Data Processing System for the Papio Natural Resources District (DiMartino, Frost, and Ruff)

Word Processing Analysis and Recommendations for the Omaha Police and Fire Divisions (Norris)

A Framework for Discussing SID-Related Problems (Frost)

An Inventory of Housing, Vacant Land, and Neighborhood Conditions: Lincoln, Nebraska (Piper)

The Omaha Office Space Market: 1980-84 (Frost)

A Market Analysis for Nebraska City (Dimartino and Frost)

Survey Results and Demographic Data for United Catholic Social Services' Family Services (DiMartino and Webb)

The State of Black Omaha (Staff)

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

The CAUR staff published or presented the following items during the fiscal year:


PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

Analysis of the Decreasing Use of Title III Services by Elderly Hispanics, U. S. Dept. Health Human Services (pending)

Analysis of Public Needs and Program Usage, United Catholic Social Services (funded)

Market Study of American Heart Association Programs In Nebraska, American Heart Association (unfunded)

Omaha Projected Labor Market to 1990, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, (funded)

Market Analysis of YMCA Uses, Users' Attitudes, and Competition, Omaha-Council Bluffs YMCA, (unfunded)

Needs Assessment of Council Bluffs Seniors Citizens Center, Council Bluffs Senior Citizens Center (funded)

Survey of Potential Central Business District Residents, Maenner Realty Company (unfunded)

Survey of Potential Central Business District Residents, The Schneider Group, (unfunded)
Microcomputers and Small Local Governments, W. K. Kellogg Foundation, (funded)

Analysis of Current EDP System and Recommendation for Future Action, City of LaVista, (funded)

Analysis of Current EDP System and Recommendation for Future Action, City of Chadron (funded)

Analysis of Current EDP System and Recommendation for Future Action, City of Alliance (funded)

Study of Microcomputers in Small Police Departments, National Institute of Justice (unfunded)

Public opinion survey, Channel 3 news, (unfunded)

Analysis of Current EDP System and Recommendation for Future Action, City of Albion (unfunded)

Analysis of Current EDP System and Recommendation for Future Action, Pierre County (unfunded)

Analysis of Current EDP System and Recommendation for Future Action, City of Bellevue (pending)

Successful Job Matching and Job Placement Systems for the Elderly and Developmentally Disabled, U.S. Dept. Health Human Services (funded)

Survey of Viewership of Cable Channels 4, 13, and 19; Consortium of Associated Schools and Educational Resources (funded)

Nebraska City Downtown Development, Chamber of Commerce (funded)

Labor Supply and Demand Analysis, First Data Resources (unfunded)

Omaha Jewish Federation (funded)

Sanitary Improvement Districts, Nebraska Legislature (funded)

Museum Economic Impact, Henningson, Durham, Richardson (funded)

Labor Supply and Demand Analysis, Chamber of Commerce (funded)

Council Bluffs Senior Citizens Center (funded)

Planned Parenthood of Omaha/Council Bluffs (unfunded)

Analysis of Current EDP System and Recommendation for Future Action, City of LaVista (funded)

Developing Strategies for Finding the Least Restrictive Work Environment for Developmentally Disabled Persons, Nebraska Developmental Disabilities Council (funded)

Study of Health Care Services to the Poor, Health Futures Foundation (funded)
STAFF UPDATE


The CAUR staff from July 1, 1984, to June 30, 1985, included:

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