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PURPOSE: To inform BAT Regional Directors of Bureau policy relating to participation by the State apprenticeship agencies in the Regional Apprenticeship Records Entry System (RARES).

BACKGROUND: An inquiry was received from a State apprenticeship agency regarding our provisions for lead time and sharing of program information with the SAC's in the event of RARES being discontinued. Consequently, it was felt that a general policy on the SAC's participation in RARES was necessary.

- POLICY:
1. BAT expects RARES to be implemented in all States as the National apprenticeship recordkeeping and management information system.
 2. BAT will cover the communication line costs if SAC's provide data directly (on-line) to the RARES computer. If a SAC furnishes data for RARES on magnetic tape or on disk in formats acceptable to RARES, BAT will supply the necessary tapes and disks for that purpose.
 3. BAT cannot supply PC type minicomputers to the SAC's for apprenticeship data processing purposes.
 4. In the unforeseen and unlikely event that RARES should be discontinued, BAT will advise the SAC's at the earliest possible date. Furthermore, BAT will make the RARES software packages available to the SAC's and assist them in implementing the system in the SAC in the event RARES should ever be discontinued.