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MANAGER'S REPORT NO.	4
COUNCIL MEETING	1978 01 16

Re: 1978 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT
 CHICAGO; 1978 JUNE 18 - 22

The American Society for Training and Development is the principal organization in North America for professionals in the field of skills training and management and organization development in government and industry. Its annual conference is designed to offer a concentrated series of workshops and seminars in order to upgrade skills of practitioners as well as review new developments and research in adult education and career training. As part of the conference, an exposition provides the opportunity to review the full range of equipment and packaged programs available on the market.

In addition to the general programs, the "Local Government" special interest group organizes sessions related to specific problems faced by training personnel in the local government field.

The 1978 Annual Conference of the A.S.T.D. is being held in Chicago. Your Manager feels that it would be of benefit to the Corporation for the Co-ordinator - Employee Compensation and Development to attend as this offers a unique opportunity for exposure to new or alternative ideas and for exchange of experience. There is no comparable Canadian organization or conference which offers the same scope.

The costs involved in attending the Conference are:

Early Registration Fee	\$ 160.00
Hotel - 7 x \$38.00	266.00
Allowance - 8 x \$15.00	105.00
Air travel (excursion)	288.00
Ground transport	30.00
	<u>\$ 849.00</u>

The funds for this Conference have been included in the Conferences account approved in the 1978 Provisional Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Co-ordinator - Employee Compensation and Development be authorized to attend the 1978 A.S.T.D. Annual Conference in Chicago at an estimated cost of \$849.00.